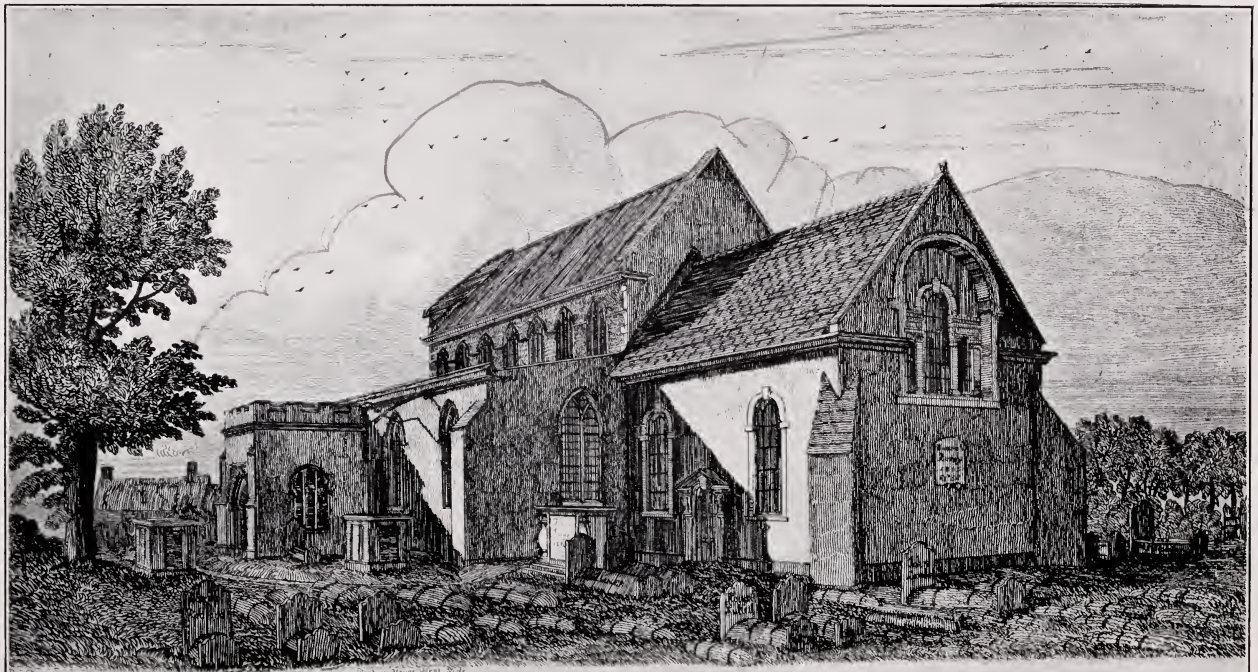
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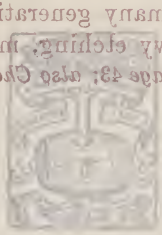
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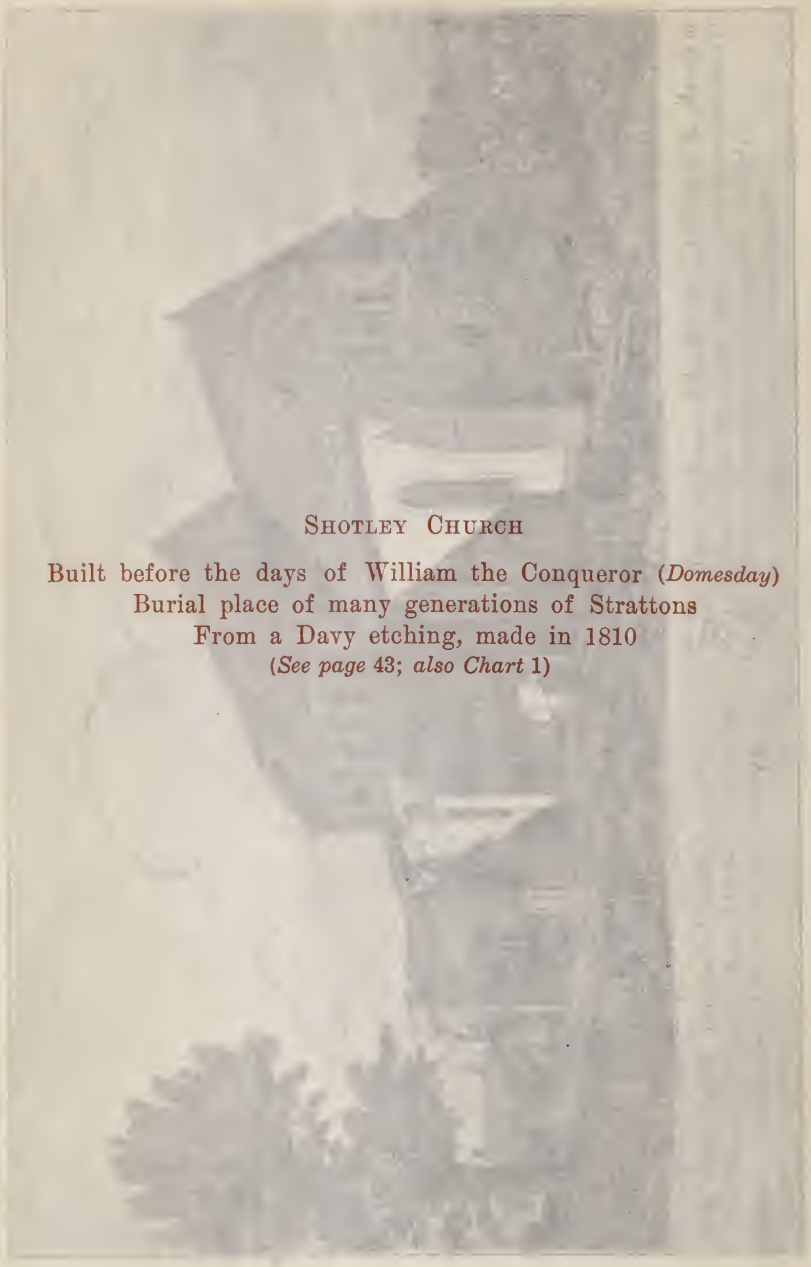
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PREFACE

THIS volume is well characterized by its name, "A Book of Strattons." It is not a genealogy of any one line of Strattons, but contains data concerning many lines, attempts to account for all Colonial Strattons in America, and includes much of interest on the early Strattons of England and Scotland. More than five thousand Strattons, descendants of the Colonial emigrants, have been satisfactorily placed, and many branches brought down to the present day.

Genealogical records of these descendants to the fifth generation from the emigrant, are given in this first volume; the second volume takes up each line where this volume leaves it.

The work is published for the Strattons,—for those who are interested, and in the hope of interesting others. Much of the data presented was collected with no thought of publication, —from a pure love of such work, and a desire to know more of our Stratton ancestry. Even now the compiler would gladly defer publication for a few years, until more of the "missing links" might be found, but for an urgently expressed desire on the part of other Strattons to possess a copy of the data already collected, a wish to put this data, by duplicating it, beyond the possibility of loss, and a hope that its circulation may create, on the part of the Strattons of the present generation, a greater interest in family history, and so induce others to record facts which otherwise may be irretrievably lost with the passing away of the older ones among us.

Even as a child the writer was interested in genealogical lore, and from her grandparents and the older members of her father's family, early learned what they knew of their ancestry. Later, a more systematic research was begun, at first with the thought of collecting data on one line only. Then,—discovering that while original records contain much concerning the early Strattons, very little on the name had ever been published,—data on all lines were collected and classified. It soon became apparent that the

"three brothers" theory (the tradition heard in childhood, and found in many Stratton families to-day) would by no means account for all the seventeenth-century Strattons in America. As the collection grew the interest in it grew also, until many sources of information have been searched for material. In the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, Somerset House, London, are recorded one hundred and forty-two Stratton wills and administrations from 1412 to 1720. Sixteen of these are marked "beyond the seas," or "abroad," showing that many more than "three brothers" had left England before 1720. A list of these wills and administrations has been obtained, and several wills abstracted for this volume. Early Stratton wills are found in other English courts. Many Stratton records are found among the original papers in the Public Record Office, London. Others are found on the church records of various parishes. Some work has been done among all these sources in England, and enough unconnected data collected to give some idea of the vast amount of interesting material obtainable, and to serve as a guide and encouragement to further study in early Stratton genealogy.

In this country considerable research has been made among the records of the thirteen original colonies, and in others of the older states; data obtained from town, county and probate records; from wills, deeds and invoices; from church records, gravestones and old family Bibles,—while hundreds of letters have been written to Strattons in this country and in Great Britain.

And yet the work is far from complete, and several puzzling problems remain unsolved. It is ardently hoped that the search may continue, until the ancestral line of every Colonial Stratton may be established in the Old World and his descendants here as fully traced as existing records may render possible.

In collecting this material, the compiler has had correspondence with many people, and would here gratefully acknowledge indebtedness, and gladly return thanks to the many Strattons who have so cheerfully and intelligently responded with family records and with words of encouragement and appreciation.

Much help has also been received from town, county and probate clerks, and pastors and rectors of churches, who have courteously replied to letters and furnished records,—in not a few cases without a fee, although in every case a fee was offered.

For carefully taken notes, extended records, or material aid in research, special thanks are due Dr. Charles Carroll Stratton of Oregon, Mr. Sidney Vanuxem Stratton, Sr., of Mississippi, Mr. Francis A. Stratton of New York, Mr. James T. Stratton (now deceased) of California, and Dr. Charles R. Straton of Salisbury, England.

From Rev. Anson Titus, Boston, the compiler has received many helpful suggestions, and invaluable aid on puzzling points in New England research.

The greater portion of the research among original papers in England was made by Mr. J. Henry Lea and his agent, Mr. Hutchinson, in London, who have taken a kind interest in the work.

Special aid in collecting data on various branches has also been rendered by Miss Mary A. Stratton of Massachusetts, Rev. James Stratton of Hants, England, William H. Zelley (son of Daniel Stratton Zelley) of New Jersey, Hon. Thomas J. Stratton of Virginia, Mrs. Sarah Stratton Juliand of New York, Guilford D. Stratton of New Hampshire, Rev. Joseph Stratton of Berkshire, England, E. Platt Stratton of Long Island and Senator Stratton of Colorado.

Among others, not Strattons, who have kindly contributed notes and suggestions, or copied records not accessible to the compiler, are Mr. E. L. Smith of Boston, Miss Mary Frances Peirce of Weston, Kirk Brown of Baltimore, Miss Mary Utley of Hartford and Mrs. C. P. Yeatman of Barranquilla.

Errors will doubtless be found in this volume. Everyone at all familiar with genealogical work well knows the many sources from which errors will creep in, in spite of the most painstaking efforts to avoid them.

Anyone finding mistakes, or having additional data to contribute, will confer a favor by communicating the same to the compiler.

Hattie R. Stratton.

Cactus Cottage,
Grand View, Tenn.
May 18, 1908.

Charles R



Trusty & Welbeloved We greete you well: We are confident you cannot but know the great necessitys that are upon Us by reason of the Usurpation now prevalent in all Our Dominions So as its not possible for Us to prepare or act any thing in order to the freeing of you and the rest of Our good Subjects from the oppression they lye under without the assurance of such as are well affected to Our Interest and the good of their Country. We have therefore in order thereunto committed some speciall affaires to the care of Mrs Jannet Browne and do desire you to be assisting to her for the better management of the same wherein as We particularly depend on your compliance with this Our desire so We assure you We shall not only accept of such y^r endeavours as a very seasonable service but that We will consider & reward you for them and for what you have formerly acted and suffered for Us when God shall put it into Our power and so We bid you heartily farewell. Given at Our Court at Cologne the 30th day of September 1655 in the seaventh yeare of Our Raigne

To Our trusty and welbeloved
Captaine Robert Straton

FACSIMILE OF A LETTER FROM KING CHARLES II

Written in exile at Cologne, to Captain Robert Straton, an officer in the king's army. "Mrs. Jannet Browne" was another officer in disguise. (*Page* 38.)

EXPLANATIONS

BUT few explanations are necessary. The abreviations usual in such works are used:—b., *born,* m., *married,* d., *died,* etc. In a few cases prob., sup., abt. are used for *probably, supposed, about,* etc. These, and the few other abbreviations used, will be readily understood.

As in other genealogical works the small figure following a name, and placed above the line, indicates the number of the generation from the emigrant ancestor.

The number preceding the name is an individual number, and denotes the person's place in the line of Strattons to which he belongs.

The minus sign (—) placed before the number in the lists of children's names shows that this individual is not traced further. If a son, nothing more is known of him; no attempt has been made in this volume to trace the descendants of the daughters.

The plus sign (+) preceding a number denotes that the number and name are repeated on a succeeding page (the number in black faced type), where a more detailed account of the individual is given.

Repetition has been avoided except where it seemed necessary for a clearer understanding of a subject, or to bring together the facts pertaining to the biography of an individual.

A special feature of this volume is the charts, showing at a glance the descendants, to the fifth generation, of fourteen of the Colonial Strattons. In every case the individual number in the text is the same as the number used for that individual on the chart. Therefore, in referring to any person whose name occurs on a chart, it will only be necessary to mention the number and chart, as: 28, Chart H, married Abigail Morton. The descendants of 125, Chart G, have not been located. Further information is desired concerning 63, Chart D; 199, Chart M, lived in Richmond, Ind.

Volume II, in taking up each line where this volume leaves it, continues these numbers.

For a synopsis of our knowledge of the earlier Strattons in America, see the chapter on "Colonial Strattons" in this volume.

In some lines, of course, the fifth generation comes much nearer the present time than in others.

In the case of the descendants of the eldest son of Samuel Stratton of Watertown the fifth generation lacks some years of reaching Revolutionary times, while some of the fifth generation from Mark Stratton of Evesham served in the Civil War. This is readily understood when we consider that Samuel [1] of Watertown was born in 1592, while Mark [1] of Evesham was born nearly one hundred years later.

It will be seen that the charts are not quite complete. A few of the sons in each chart have not been traced beyond the third or fourth generation.

It is the hope of the writer that some of these may yet be found, and that very full data of later generations may be compiled for a future volume. Will not all Strattons aid in this work by collecting and contributing further items of interest concerning their own lines?

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ITM lego Agneti uxi mee duo tenementa cum gardino adiacen' jacen' in Morestrete in pochia Sci Egidij hñd & tenend' prefate Agneti & assign' suis ad t'minu' vite eiusde' Agnetis Et volo qd pdca duo ten' post mortem dce Agnet' p exec' meos vendant' et qd tota pecunia in pijs opibz plenar' disponat' Residuu' vero omi & singlis bonor' & catallor' meor' mobil' & imobil' non legator' do & lego Agn' uxi mee de quibuscu' q bonis meis & hujus testi mei facio ordino & constituo meos exec' videlt dcam Agnete' uxem meam dcm Willm Clay & Stephm Toppefeld cive & allucar' London cuiquidm Willmo Clay xls. & dco Stephano xiijs. iiijd. p eor' labore in hac pte sustinend' lego.

WILL OF NICHOLAS STRATTON

Oldest Stratton Will in Prerogative Court of Canterbury—Abstract from Original Latin

PART I

STRATTONS IN THE OLD WORLD

"The dry branches of genealogical trees bear many pleasant and curious fruits for those who know how to search for them." HENRY WARD BEECHER.

"Many questions arise in the course of genealogical work, which only History can answer." JOHN FISKE.

A BOOK OF STRATTONS

ORIGIN OF THE NAME

"Let us begin at the beginning." PURSUIVANT OF ARMS.

THE Strattons cannot be traced to a common ancestor in Great Britain, however far back we may go. The name is a "place name" and had several, probably many, origins. Whenever the family home was on an old Roman road this surname was not uncommon. It is derived from two Anglo-Saxon words,—*stræt*, a paved road; and *tûn*, an enclosure, a home, or a small village. When the Saxons came into Britain they found there the paved roads of the Romans. Such roads they had never before seen, and having no name by which to designate them, began to use the Roman word *stratum*, which soon became *stræt*, from which comes our word street.

To an enclosure, having a strong wall, within which dwelt a family,—usually a family of wealth, with other families dependant upon it, forming a small village,—the Saxons gave the name *tûn*, and from this we get our word town, which in the termination of names is now usually contracted into ton, as Charles-town, Charleston; East-town, Easton; Long-town, Langton; Street-town, Stratton.

Surnames began to come into use about the eleventh century. Men took these names from the localities in which they lived as well as from occupations, mental traits, physical features, etc. The name Stratton was first applied to the place, or enclosure, and later to the family that dwelt therein. Thus in 1124, in the Lauriston line, in Kincardinshire, Scotland, we find Alexander, filius Roberti, to whom the "lands of Straton" were granted by David I, of Ledland,—the king who introduced feudalism into Scotland. Alexander then became Alexander de Straton. Two or three generations later the "de" was dropped and the family became

Stratons of that Ilk, and later of Lauriston, and in 1296 Alexander Straton swore fealty to Edward I, son of John de Baliol, or "King John,"—the rival of Bruce for the crown of Scotland. In Oxford, in the thirteenth century, lived Adam de Stratton, who "holdth the manor of Wydeford," and who had a brother William Stratton. Mention is found of one John de Stratton in County Norfolk in the time of Edward I; while on the eastern coast of Cornwall is the "Hundred of Stratton."

Notice that the counties, or shires, of Kincardine, Oxford, Norfolk, and Cornwall are widely separated. There are other localities where the name seems to have originated, and in most of these are found Strattons to this day. A more thorough research would doubtless show the several localities from which came Strattons at an early date to the American colonies, thus establishing all the distinct lines here.

EVOLUTION IN SPELLING

In the old records the name is variously spelled. Most surnames as we find them to-day are evolved from earlier forms. An antiquarian who has given some study to the subject thinks that "de Strate" as it appears on a lease (1197) in the British Museum, is the original of Stratton in one locality. There is good reason for believing that Richard Stroughton (written also Stroute), vicar of Dovercourt, 1531, belonged to the Strattons of Shotley. Several of the early Alexanders of Lauriston spelled the name Straiton, while others of the same line wrote it Stratoun. William of Tenterden wrote Stretton in signing his own will in 1647, while on the books of his company it is written Stratton. At Copps Hill, Boston, the name is spelled two ways on the same stone, at the grave of Bartholomew Stratton who died 1686. The town clerks of Watertown, Mass., found five ways for spelling Samuel Stratton's name, 1647–1672. The early records of Virginia and New Jersey show almost as great a variety. There was no recognized standard of orthography in those early days.

The following will of Nicholas Stratton, of County Norfolk, Eng., dated 19 November, 1527, and copied from the original, is a good example of the Old English of the sixteenth century.

I leave my bodye to be beryed in the churchyard of All Saints

in Walsingham. I geve to the heye auter ijs. To the contynuauns of Jhesus preste there iiijd. To the comon lyght iiijd. To the Cathedrall Churche of Norwich iiijd. To iche of my godchildren iiijd. To Johan Wryght my servaunte to her mariage xxs. To Margaret my wyf my howse in Chirchgate lately Cabages sumtyme Pedders for lyf; and aftr hir deces I wyll the same to be soulde and the money holy disposed upon some speciall Ornament or Iuell for the seyd chirche. The residewe of my goodys I geve them holy unto my wyf, whom I ordeyne myn executrix.
Witnesses:
Sir John Gelis pshe proste, Jafery Lathe
Thomas Cocke, John Colet, Geo: Scharppe
Proved 13 December 1527 by the executrix.
Archdeaconry of Norwich, 1520–1529.

The following "complaint" of Sir Richard Stroute (or Stratton) to "the Kyng our Sou'ain Lord" (Henry VIII), copied from the original in the Public Record Office, London, seems at the first glance unintelligible. By a little careful study, however, it is easily deciphered and presents a choice example of the spelling of that period:

To the Kyng our Sou'ain Lord. Lamentably complanyg shewyth vnto your hyghnes your daly Oratour and subiect Wyllm Goldacre of Harwych in the countye of Essex maryn' That where as Elyzabeth wyf of yor seyd orator abouth the fest of the Exaltacon of the holy crosse last past beyng in the towne of Harwych aforeseyd wher yor seyd oratour dwellyth aboute the besynes of yor seyd orator one Nycholas Wood servaunt to oone Sir Rychard Stroute nowe poche p'st of Harwych By the comandmet and pcuremet of the seyd Sir Ric' accopynyd wt other ryotous psons to the nowmbre of thre vnknowne as yet to yor seyd orator then and there riotously made assaute vpo the wyf of yor seyd poore liegma (he then beyng in hambourght in Estland about hys feytts & besynes) and cruelly & ryotously bette woundyd & left for deed the same Elyzabeth hys wyf So yt she as yet is in Iepdie of hyr lyf for the same woundis & strokys And further more gracious sou' and lord the seyd Sir Rychard at the comyg home of yor seyd Subgiect entedyg to dystroye & vtt'ly to

vndoo yor seyd Orator hys wyf & chyldern haith manysshyd [menaced] & daillie doith manasshe & thretyn yor seyd Orator wt vnlawfull & vnfyttyg words and causyth hys seyd s'vaunt to do the same So that yor seyd Orator ys cotynually in Iepdie of hys lyf hys wyf & chyldern cotrarie to yor lawes ryght and good conscience And forasmoche as yor Orator ys but a pore maryn' and the seyd Sir Rychard ys well benyfycyd besydes the seyd s'vyce wych he ys in as ys aforeseyd he ys lykely to dystroye hys wyf & chyldern orels to be dryvg out of the same Towne for fere of hys lyf wyf & chyldern To the pillous example of other lyke offenders yf such Ryotys manasses and mayntenaunce shuld remayn vnponysshed In consyderacyo whereof please yt yor hyghnes to grante a wryte of subpena to be dyrectyd vnto the seyd Syr Rychard & Nycholas comandyg theym by the same to apere before yowr hyghnes and the Lordys of yor most honorable counsell at Westmr at a c'teyn day vpon a payn to aunswer to the p'mysses And yowr pore Subgeict shall dayly pray to god for the p'serwacion of yor gace long to endure.

Star Chamber, Vol. 16, *fo.* 150.

The exact date of this Complaint is not recorded, but it was between 1527 and 1532. This, it will be remembered, was in the days of Luther, and of the Reformation.



STRATTON HALL, OR STRATTON HOUSE

In the parish of Stratton Strawless, County Norfolk.

Many of the trees about the Hall were planted by the celebrated naturalist, R. Marsham, Esq., who died in 1797, at the advanced age of 90 years. In the church of the parish is a single ancient effigy, supposed to represent the last Ralph de Stratton. (*Page* 8.)

PLACES CALLED STRATTON

"Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set."
PROVERBS xxii, 28.

THERE are in England to-day, according to Lewis' Topographical Dictionary, more than forty places named Stratton (or Stretton), and near the most of them may still be seen traces of old Roman roads. The following is a partial list of them:

Stratton St. Andrew, a market town and parish, including the small sea-port of Bude, in County Cornwall, 17 miles from Launceston.

Stratton St. Mary, a parish 3½ miles from Dorchester, County Dorset. A Roman road passes through his parish.

Stratton St. Peter, a parish in the County of Gloucester, 12 miles from Cirencester. The church is a small ancient structure, with a steeple rising between the nave and chancel. The ancient Ermine Street passes through this parish.

Stratton Park, in Hampshire, near Milcheldever, 8½ miles from Winchester. The Roman road may be seen here today.

Stretton, a chapelry, in the parish of North Wingfield, County Derby, 4½ miles from Alfreton.

Stretton, St. Nicholas, a parish 8¾ miles from Oakham, County Rutland.

Stretton, a chapelry, 3 miles from Penkeridge, County Stafford, supposed to occupy the site of the Roman Pennicrocium. The chapel is dedicated to St. John.

Stretton, a township, in the parish of Burton-upon-Trent, County Stafford.

Stretton-Baskerville, a parish in the County of Warwick. The church is in ruins.

Stretton Church, a market town and parish, 13 miles from Shrewsbury. The ancient Watling Street passes through it.

Stretton Magna, a parish in the County of Leicester, 5½ miles from the City of Leicester. The Roman Via-Devana passes through it.

Stretton-Grandsome, a parish in the County of Hereford, 7½ miles from Ledbury.

Stretton-on-the-Foss, a parish in the County of Warwick, 3 miles from Shipston upon the river Stour. The old Roman Fosse-way passes through it.

Stretton-sugwas, a parish in the County of Hereford, 3¾ miles from the city of Hereford.

Stretton-under-Foss, a hamlet in the parish of Monk's Kirby, County Warwick, 6½ miles from Rubgy. The old Fosse-road runs to the westward of the place.

Stretton-upon-Dunsmoor, a parish 5½ miles from Dunchurch, County Warwick.

Stratton, a joint hamlet with Holmes, County Bedford, ¾ of a mile from Biggleswade.

Stratton Hall Farm, a parish in County Suffolk.

Stretton St. Michael, 1 mile from St. Mary Stratton, Co. Norfolk. The church is in ruins.

Stratton, an extra-parochial liberty (but now a parish) in the County of Suffolk, adjoining the parish of Levington, and containing (in 1832) but one house, the ancient hall. In Chapel Field, between Levington and Trimley, are the ruins of a church or chapel, almost concealed by trees and bushes.

Stratton St. Margaret, 2½ miles from Swindon, County Wilts.

Stratton-Audley, a parish 3 miles from Ricester, County Oxford. Contains Stratton-Audley Park.

Stratton Long, a parish 10½ miles from Norwich, County Norfolk.

Stratton, East, a parish 6 miles from New Alresford, County Southampton.

Stratton-on-the-Foss, a parish 6 miles from Shepton-Mallet, County Somersett, situated on an ancient Fosse-way.

Stratton-Strawless, 4½ miles from Aylsham, County Norfolk. Contains Stratton House.

Stratton, Upper, a tything, in the parish of Mitcheldever, County Southampton, six miles from New Alresford.



The Church. Village Street and Church Tower.

STRATTON ST. ANDREW

Near an old Roman road in the Hundred of Stratton. Scene of a great royalist victory in the Wars of the Roses. (*Page* 7.)

Stratton, a township, in the parish Tilston, County Palatine of Chester, 4½ miles from Malpas.
Stratton, West, a tything, in County Southampton.

It is very evident, from the above, that Stratton is a "place name," and in many places it must have originated where we find it to-day. From several of these places families took the name, giving rise to distinct lines of Strattons. How many of these lines are represented in America, only farther research can determine.*

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* In King and Queen County, Virginia, Stratton Major Parish was established in 1664–5. It was probably named by one of its first ministers, who may have come from some Stratton town, or parish in England. Nothing is now known of its ministers previous to 1724. The Parish register contains these entries:

"1768. On Tuesday evening died the Rev. Wm. Robinson, Lord Bishop of London, Commissary for the Colony & rector of Stratton Major Parish."

"1771. On Sunday last William Nelson jr. and his new married Lady made their appearance in Stratton Major Church."

In 1774 Rev. Wm. Dunlap was rector of Stratton Major. He was ordained in London in 1767 and was a relative of Benjamin Franklin. The last entry in the register was in 1783. Old Stratton Major Church was sold and the bricks removed many years ago.

Stratton Island, on the coast of Maine, received its name from John Stratton of Shotley, Eng., to whom 2000 acres of land, including this island, was granted in 1631.

The town of Stratton in Maine was probably named after Nehemiah Stratton (a descendant of Samuel Stratton [1]) who settled in Maine from Massachusetts soon after the Revolution. He was one of Washington's Life Guards.

Stratton, and Stratton Mountain (2000 ft.), Windham County, Vt., were named for Hezekiah Stratton's family of Northfield, who owned lands in that vicinity. He and his six sons gave their country valiant service in the French and Indian War.

Stratton, Neb., received its name from Zaccheus Stratton, a descendant of Mark Stratton of New Jersey (1713).

Stratton, Va., was named for Francis A. Stratton of Mt. Vernon, N. Y., who owned large tracts of coal and timber land in that vicinity.

Strattonville, Pa., was named for John Stratton, one of its first settlers, coming from Evesham, N. J., to Pennsylvania about 1820.

Stratton Falls, Delaware County, N. Y., received the name from the Strattons who settled at Roxbury soon after the Revolution, coming from Simsbury, Conn.

Church-Stretton, romantically situated in a beautiful little vale of Staffordshire, derives its name from the location of its church near the ancient Watling Street, which here lies parallel with the road from Shrewsbury to London. The oldest part of the church was built in the fourteenth century. (*Page* 7.)

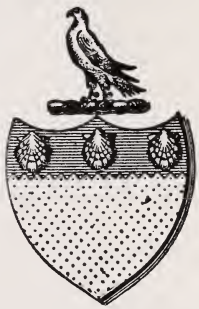


VIEWS OF CHURCH-STRETTON
The Village—High Street—The Church

STRATTON ARMS

"Might I but know thee by thy household Badge."
SHAKESPEARE, *Henry IV.*

AS the name Stratton had several origins, so there are several coats of arms belonging to different lines of Strattons. Burke's *Encyclopedia of Heraldry* gives no less than eight different arms of Stratton (Stretton, Straton, Stratoun), while Foster's *Feudal Arms* gives three not found in Burke. How many of these are registered can be determined only by submitting the list to the College of Arms in London.* The arms of the Lauriston, and the Shotley Strattons are already determined, and are correctly given on other pages of this volume.



Stratton (Suffolk)

A few others, from Burke's *Armory*, are here given for those Strattons who may be interested in the study of this subject: †

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* At the College of Arms, or Herald's College (founded in 1464 by Edward IV and chartered by Richard III in 1483) are registered all the arms granted since the College was founded, as well as many older ones. Some of the old families who were "ancient" when the College was founded refused to register their arms, and their descendants are even better entitled to bear arms than many later families who paid fees for grants in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. The official opinion of the College, however, is final on all questions of Arms.

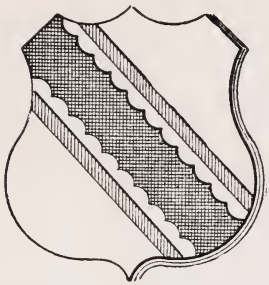
† The compiler has found these, and other Coats of Arms, in the possession of Strattons in this country—in several cases handed down through three or four generations, and preserved as of interest in having been assigned to persons of our names in the past. Which of them may belong to American Strattons by "inherited right" only future investigation will show. "There is no way of fixing authority for use of Arms but by tracing back the line to an armigerous ancestor, either on record at the College of Arms, or who used Arms unquestioned before the time of the Commonwealth." LEA.

Stratton (Suffolk) Or, on chief indented azure, 3 escallops argent. Crest a hawk belled & jessed ppr. Motto: Surgere tento.

Stretton (Nottingham) Argent, a bend engrailed sable, cotised gules.

Stretton (————), Argent, a bend engrailed sable. Crest, a demi-eagle issuant holding in dexter claw a laural branch ppr.

Stratoun (Scotland), Barry of five, each per fesse, argent and sable. Crest, a pelican's head erased vulnerated.



Stretton (Nottingham)

Foster's *Feudal Arms* mentions a Seignior de Stratton, who was knighted by Edward III at the capitulation of Calais in 1343. Arms: "Or, two bars and in the cantel an escutcheon gules."

In *Knights of England*, by Wm. A. Shaw, are the following: Richard de Stratton, 1303 (in list of Knights of the Bath; Gilotus de Stratton, Knt. by Edward the Black Prince, in the campaign which ended in Battle of Poitiers, 1355; William Stretton, by Henry VIII at York Place (now Whitehall), London.

As a general rule the simpler the arms the older they are. The arms of the Shotley Strattons are crusader's arms, pure and simple, and if search were made it would in all probability be found that an early Stratton achieved distinction in the crusades. It is well known that the escallops (see Arms of Stratton, Suffolk) were used by the pilgrims in the crusades, and were often added to the arms of the gentle pilgrim after his return from the Holy Land.

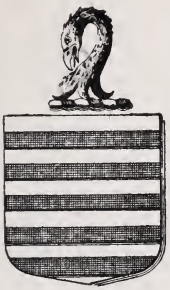


Stretton (——)

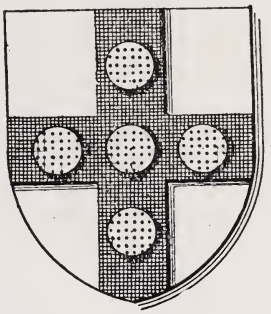
The colors on the arms represented on these pages are indicated by the markings usually used in engravings and on seals:

Surface	*Color*	*Heraldic Term*
Plain	Silver	Argent
Dotted	Gold	Or
Horizontal lines	Blue	Azure
Vertical lines	Red	Gules
Crossed lines	Black	Sable

The five besants on the Shotley arms also suggest its origin. Boutell says: "The besant, in heraldry, apparently derived its name from the Byzantine coins that the crusaders, when in the East, actually fixed upon their shields."



Stratoun (Scotland)

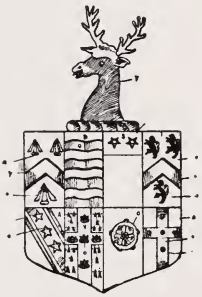


Stratton (Shotley)

For those Strattons who are interested in heraldry, this emblazonment of the Sulyard arms is given below, as a good example of the "quartering of arms." (*Visition of Suffolk*, 1561.) Notice the arms of the Shotley Strattons in the lower right hand corner:

Arms, counting across the shield from left to right.

1. Sulyard
2. Fayrford
3. Barton
4. Good
5. Andrews
6. Weyland
7. Burnaville
8. Stratton



Arms of Sulyard (Co. Suffolk) Quartering Stratton

NOTE: *Sir John Sulyard* m. a daughter of *John Andrews* and his wife *Elizabeth*, daughter and heir of *John Stratton* of Suffolk. John Andrews was son and heir to *James Andrews*, who m. a daughter of *William Weyland*, whose wife was a daughter of *Sir William Burnaville* of Kent, who m. a daughter of *Robert Barton* and his wife *Margaret*, daughter of *John Good* of Kent.



Lauriston Castle

From an Ancient Sketch

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SOURCES OF GENEALOGICAL MATERIAL IN ENGLAND*

"This shall be written for the generations to come." PSALMS cii, 18.

FROM the records in the Public Record Office, London, may be gleaned a great amount of material on the early Strattons. Many of these are not easy to translate. Some are in Latin, others in old English. They are usually dated by giving the time from the succession of the reigning king. The following from the Pipe Series, Recusant Rolls, 5 Charles I, will give some idea of the difficulties encountered by the student in deciphering these ancient documents:

> Alex' Stratton miles D̃nus de Lawrenston deb'
> xiijs. iiijd. per ann' de firma duar' part' un'
> mes' sive tent' et ix acr' terr' arr' prat'
> et past' cum p̃tin in Burton Lennard in com' p'd'
> añni val' xxs. p̃cell terr' Xpofer' Netherwood
> recus' hẽnd ad fin' tm̃ij xxj an' rẽdd̃o inde
> añuatim tresdecim solidi et iiij den'.

TRANSLATION

"Alexander Stratton Knight Lord of Lawrenston oweth 13*s*. 4*d*. per annum for the farm of two parts of one messuage or tenement and 9 acres of arable land meadow and pasture with appurtenances in Burton Lennard in the county aforesaid the annual value 20*s*. parcel of the lands of Christopher Netherwood recusant; To hold for the term of 21 years paying therefor yearly 13*s*. 4*d*." *Lea.*

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* Nearly all the material given in this chapter was obtained in England for the compiler by the well-known genealogist, J. Henry Lea, and is from original records.

LISTS OF STRATTON WILLS

The most prolific sources of genealogical information are the early wills. In the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, Somerset House, London, are recorded forty-one Stratton wills and administrations from 1412 to 1720. Sixteen of these are marked "beyond the seas," or "abroad," showing that these Strattons had left England before 1720. A list of these wills and administrations has been obtained and several of them abstracted for this volume. Early Stratton wills are found in other English courts.

PREROGATIVE COURT OF CANTERBURY, SOMERSET HOUSE, LONDON
1383–1720

Note: Those marked * have been abstracted for this *Book of Strattons*.

"Pts," as used below, means "in parts beyond the seas," "abroad."

*Stratton, Nicholas, St. Alphage, London,	1412	26	*Marche*
Streten, de, Thomas, London & Kent,	1450	19	*Rous*
Stretton, John, LL.D., Treasurer of Chichester, Canon of Sarum,	1474	19	*Wattys*
Strotton, Hugh, Anglesey,	1514	2	*Holder*
*Stratton, George, gent Kirketon alias Shotley, Suff.	1548	9	*Populwell*
*Stratton, Thomas, Wilts,	1581	17	*Darcey*
Stratton, Alice, widow, Berks,	1604	62	*Harte*
*Stratton, Thomas, gent Shotley, Suff, Dedham, Essex,	1596	84	*Drake*
*Stratton, William, Berks,	1604	53	*Harte*
Streton, Thomas, Berks,	1593	31	*Nevill*
Stretton, William, London & Kent, Oct.,	1609	93	*Dorset*
Streaton, William, Rochester, Kent,	1609	76	*Dorset*
Stretton, William, London,	1615,	93	*Dorset.*
*Stratton, Robert, Wilts,	Jan., 1618	4	*Meade*
Stratton, Francis, Hunts,	June, 1619	63	*Parker*
Stratton, David, Deptford, Kent,	June, 1620	68	*Soame*
*Stratton, John, Wilts,	Nov., 1624	100	*Byrde*
*Stratton, William, Suffolk,	May, 1625	45	*Clark*

*Stratton, John, Shotley, Suffolk,	May, 1627	52 *Skynner*
Streeton, Thomas, Bucks,	June, 1630	58 *Scroope*
Streeton, Walter, Derby,	1631	60 *St. John*
*Stratton, Alice, Wilts,	1632	62 *Awdley*
Stratton, William, London,	1631–33	*Admon* 27
Stratton, John, London,	1631–38	*Admon* 106
Stretton, John, Middx., 1640	1634–35	*Admon* 99
Stretton, Elizabeth, London	1634–35	*Admon* 107
Stratton, Robert, Middx.,	1640	125 *Coventry*
*Stratton, Joseph, *Pts.*,	June, 1641	*Admon* 41
Stratton, Edmund, Berks,	Jan., 1642	*Admon* 98
Stratton, John, Bucks,	Dec., 1642	*Admon* 173
Stretton, Thomas, Middx.,	Feb., 1645	*Admon* 27
Stratton, Anthony, Berks,	Feb., 1645	*Admon* 27
Stretton, George, London	Feb., 1647	*Admon* 29
Stretton, John, Surrey,	Nov., 1647	*Admon* 170
Stretton, John (no place),	Nov., 1647	(no folio *Fines*, lost)
Stretton, William, Kent,	1648	9 *Essex*
*Stratton, John, Wilts,	1650	101 *Pembroke*
Stratton, Samuel, Middx.,	1652	159 *Bowyer*
Stratton, Edward, Wilts,	Nov., 1654	*Admon* 593,
Stratton, John, Berks,	Aug., 1653	*Admon* 186,
Stretton, Anne, Westminster,	Feb., 1655	*Admon* 31
Stretton, William (no place),	Aug., 1655	*Admon* 167
Stratton, Thomas, Berks,	Apr., 1656	138 *Berkley*
Stratton, Nathaniel, Herts,	June, 1656	216 *Berkley*
Stratton, Bernard, Berks,	June, 1656	252 *Berkley*
Stratton, Peter, Stepney,	Nov., 1656	*Admon* 285
Stratton, Peter, mariner	Nov., 1656	382 *Berkeley*
Stratton, Florence, Berks,	Nov., 1656	398 *Berkley*
*Stratton, Thomas, Essex	Jan., 1657	*Admon* 12
Streaton, Anthony, Hunts,	Jan., 1657	34 *Ruthen*
Streton, Richard, at sea,	July, 1657	*Admon* 174
*Strutton, Thomas, Essex,	Sept., 1657	366 *Ruthen*
*Straton, Elizabeth, Wilts,	Feb., 1658	59 *Wotton*
Stratton, Elizabeth, Bucks,	Nov., 1658	636 *Wotton*
Stratton, Thomas, Wilts,	July, 1658	*Admon* 180
Stretton, William, Oxford,	Nov., 1658	*Admon* 291

Stratton, Richard (no place),	Mar., 1659	*Admon*
Strutton, Edward (no place),	Apr., 1659	207 *Pell*
Stratton, Gresham (no place),	Oct., 1659	508 *Pell*
Strutton, James (no place),	Oct., 1659	508 *Pell*
*Strutton, James, Essex,	Oct., 1659	507 *Pell*
Stretton, Richard, London,	Mar., 1660	*Admon*
Stratton, Agnes, Northton,	Apr., 1660	66 *Nabbs*
Stratton, William (no place),	July, 1660	*Admon*
Stretton, William, Coventry,	Nov., 1660	296 *Nabbs*
*Streeton, Benjamin, London,	Apr., 1662	55 *Laud*
Stratton, Edward, Middx.,	Mar., 1665	27 *Hyde*
Stratton, Henry, London,	Feb., 1665	18 *Hyde*
Stretton, Anna, Surrey,	May, 1665	53 *Hyde*
Stratton, William, Devon,	1667	*Admon*
Streton, William, *Pts.*,	Apr., 1668	*Admon*
Stratton, Anna (no place),	Oct., 1668	*Admon*
Stratton, Thomas, Essex,	Jan., 1669	10 *Coke*
Stratton, William, Bristol,	May, 1669	62 *Coke*
Stratton, Thomas, Berks,	Dec., 1670	180 *Penn*
Stretton, William (no place),	May, 1672	*Admon*
Stratton, John, Berks,	July, 1673	95 *Pye*
Stretton, Barth., (no place),	Aug., 1673	*Admon*
Stratton, Nathaniel, Herts,	Feb., 1674	24 *Bunce*
Stretton, John (no place),	July, 1674	*Admon*
Stretton, William (no place),	Mar., 1675	*Admon*
Stratton, Jane, Berks,	Feb., 1677	24 *Hale*
Stratton, John, Bucks,	May, 1682	63 *Cottle*
Stratton, Thomas, Linc.,	Oct., 1684	130 *Hare*
Stratton, alias Jannings, Maria, Middx.,	June 1685	*Admon*
Stretton, William, London,	Jan., 1686	*Admon*
Stratton, Hester, Linc.,	Feb., 1690	31 *Dyke*
Stretton, John.,	Aug., 1690	*Admon*
Previous grant	July, 1674	
Stretton, John, *Pts.*,	Aug., 1690	*Admon*
Stretton, William, London,	Mar., 1691	59 *Vere*
Stretton, Robert (no place),	Feb., 1693	*Admon*
Stratton, James, *Pts.*,	June, 1693	100 *Coker*
Stratton, Samuel, London,	Oct., 1693	165 *Coker*

Stratton, James, Kent,	Nov., 1693	197 *Coker*
Stratton, Nathaniel, Middx.,	Dec., 1693	218 *Coker*
Streton, John, Surrey,	Nov., 1695	191 *Irby*
Strutton, Paul, *Pts.*,	Dec., 1697	*Admon*
Stretton, William, London,	Oct., 1697	211 *Pyne*
Stratton, John, Berks,	May, 1699	82 *Pett*
Stratton, Thomas, Salop,	Dec., 1699	(?)*Admon*
Stratton, Thomas, Berks,	Jan., 1700	14 *Noel*
Stratton, Anthony (no place)	Mar., 1701	*Admon*
Stratton, Anthony, Wilts,	May, 1701	73 *Dyer*
Stratton, Mark, Ely (Cambs),	Apr., 1903	*Admon*
Stretton, Giles, London,	Nov., 1703	*Admon*
Stratton, John, Pts.,	Jan., 1704	*Admon*
Stratton, Thomas. London,	Jan., 1704	*Admon*
Stretton, John, London,	Feb., 1704	50 *Ash*
Strutton, John, (?) Cambs,	Dec., 1704	*Admon*
Streaton, Thomas, (?) Cambs, *Pts.*,	Dec., 1704	*Admon*
Strotton, Cicily, Wilts,	Aug., 1705	106 *Gee*
Stratton, Anthony (no place),	Dec., 1705	*Admon*
Prior grant	Mar., 1700	(sic)
*Stretton, William, *Pts.*,	Jan., 1706	22 *Eades*
Stratton, John., *Pts.*,	Sept., 1706	202 *Eades*
		Admon with will
Stratton, James, *Pts.*,	Mar., 1707	73 *Poly*
Stratton, John, Bristol,	Aug., 1707	*Admon*
Strutton, John, *Pts.*,	Oct., 1707	*Admon*
Stratton, Thomas, Berks,	July, 1707	188 *Poley*
Stratton, Andrew, *Pts.*,	Jan., 1709	20 *Lane*
Stratton, Thomas, *Pts.*,	Mar., 1709	100 *Lane*
Strutton, Francis, London,	Mar., 1710	90 *Smith*
Stratton, Anthony,	Mar., 1710	*Admon*
1st grant	Dec., 1705	
Stratton, John, Kent,	Mar., 1710	90 *Smith*
Stratton, Elizabeth, Bristol,	July, 1710	169 *Smith*
Streatton, George, Leic.,	Nov., 1710	254 *Smith*
Stratton, Jane, Wilts,	Apr., 1711	90 *Young*
Streten, John, *Pts.*, Surrey,	Sept., 1711	193 *Young*
Stratton, John, *Pts.*,	Oct., 1711	220 *Young*
Strutton, William, Middx.,	Jan., 1712	*Admon*

Stratton, William, *Pts.*,	July, 1714		*Admon*
?Struton, Thomas, London,	Aug., 1714	166	*Aston*
Stretton, Catherine, London,	Apr., 1715	76	*Fagg*
			Admon with will
Stratton, William, Somer.,	June, 1717	122	*Whitfield*
Stratton, James, *Pts.* & Middx.,	Dec., 1717	243	*Whitfield*
Stretton, Jonathan, Coventry,	Feb., 1718	44	*Tenison*
Stratton, alias Streaton, Alexander, *Pts.*,	Mar., 1718		*Admon*
Strutton, Studen alias, William, Kent,	July, 1720		*Admon*
Straton, Alexander, Middx. & *Pts.*,	Oct., 1720		*Admon*
Stratton, Richard, Middx.,	Dec., 1720	263	*Shaller*

ARCHDEACONRY OF WILTS
1557–1720

Stratton, Edarwd, of Hanger, psh. of Bremhill, 19 Feb. 1904. Will, Invent.

Stratton, William, of Little Hinton, yeoman, 26 Jan. 1613. Will, Invent.

Stratton, Thomas, of Woodborough, 8 Feb., 1620. Will, Invent.

Stratton, Joah, of Christian Malford, 21 Feb., 1622. Will, Invent.

Stratton, Thomas, of Huish, 16 April, 1824. Will, Invent.

Stratton, Henry, of Seagrey, gent., 7 Jan., 1625. Invent.

Stratton, Thomas, of (no place), 12 Dec., 1637, Admon Bond.

Stratton, Thomas, of Seagrey, yoeman, 3 Feb., 1670, Invent., Bond.

Stratton, Thomas, of Woodborough, 21 April, 1676, Will, Invent.

Stratton, Thomas, of Allcannings, carpenter, 29 April, 1675, Will, Invent.

Stratton, John, senior, of Brinckworth, 16 May, 1677, Invent., Bond.

Stratton, Rebecca, of Brinckworth, widow, 4 June, 1679, Will, Invent.

Stratton, Rebecca, of Seagrey, widow, 6 June, 1679, Will, Invent.

Stratton, William, of Earlescourt, gent., 15 Oct., 1684, Will, Comm.
Stratton, Edward, of Allcannings, 16 Oct., 1693, Invent, Bond.
Stratton, Anne, of Seagrey, widow, 20 Oct., 1693, Invent, Bond.
Stratton, John, of Pewsey, yoeman, 4 May, 1699, Will, Invent.
Stratton, Richard, of Woodborough, husbandman, 15 April, 1700, Will, Invent.
Stratton, Robert, of Nether Seagrey, Gent., 27 May, 1701.
Stratton, Thomas of (no place), 6 May, 1709, Bond.
Stratton, Margery, of Pewsey, widow, 12 Nov., 1714, Will, Bond, Renun.
Stratton, Robert, of Allcannings, laborer, 21 May, 1718, Invent., Bond.

CONSISTORY OF SARUM
1526–1720

Stratton, Friswide, of Hasland, widow, 19 May, 1619, Will, Invent., Comm.
Stratton, Alexander, of Easterton, 31 March, 1638, Invent., Bond.
Stratton, Frizwith, of Seene, widow, 30 July, 1660, Invent., Bond, Comm.
Stratton, William, of Woodborough, 19 Sept., 1662, Will, Invent.
Stratton, Thomas, of Pewsey, carpenter, 12 Sept., 1664, Invent., Bond.
Stratton, John, of Hilmarten, 8 August, 1689, Will, Invent.
Stratton, John, of Brinckworth, 15 June, 1720, Admon, Bond.

ARCHDEACONRY OF SARUM
1528–1720

Stratton, Mary, of East Knoyle, spinster, 16 April, 1624, Will, Invent.
Stratton, Robert, of Balkington, 8 Jan., 1638, Will, Invent.
Stratton, Edward, of Melksham, 8 Oct., 1671, Will.
Stratton, John, of Bradford, fuller, 23 May, 1682, Will, Invent, Comm.
Stratton, Edward, of Melksham, yeoman, 25 Sept., 1682, Will, Invent.

Stratton, Edward, of Bradford, fuller, 24 April, 1705, Will, Comm.
Stratton, Christopher, of Bradford, 7 July, 1712, Invent, Bond.

DEAN OF SARUM
1660–1720

Stratton, David de Calne,	1563	fo. 30, Bk. 1
Stratton, Thome de Beydon,	1572	" 38, Bk. 3
Stratton, Thome de Beydon,	1634	" 128, Bk. 12
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CONSISTORY COURT OF ELY
1449–1720

Stratton, Edward, Doddington,	1690–98	fo. 142
Stratton, Thomas, Trumpington,	" "	" 356
Stratton, William, Chesterton,	1615–17	" 217
Stratton, Thomas, Wimblington,	1620–28	" 450
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Stratton, James, "	" "	" 48
Stratton, Stephen, Doddington,	1690–1702	" 290

ARCHDEACONRY OF NORTHAMPTON
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Stratton, Christopher, Slipton,	1597	fo. 76

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1608–1720

Stratton, William,	fo. 283

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1615–1720

Stratton, Anthony, Winwich,	1696

CONSISTORY COURT OF NORWICH
1416–1700

Stratton, John, Kirckton,	1561–62	fo. 14
Streton, John, Bramford,	1633	" ABS

ARCHDEACONRY OF NORWICH
1469–1700

*Stratton, Nicholas, Walsingham,	1527	fo. 393
Stratton, Thomas, Corpustye,	1691	" 118

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Stratton, William, Puddington,	1563	fo. 166
Stratton, Thomas, St. Trives,	1569	" 2
Stratton, Thomas, Whaplode,	1606	" 490
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Stretton, Margaret, Market Deeping,	1615	" 388
Stratton, Richard, Chichley,	1622	" 196
Stratton, Anthony, W. Torrington,	1672	" 499
Stratton, Francis, Stamford,	1690	" 68

ARCHDEACONRY OF STOW
1530–1700

Stretton, Fosbrook, Bottesford,	1672	fo. 277

If an apology is needed for giving so much space to this long list of wills, and the following pages of extracts from the old records, it must be found in the hope of the compiler that they may serve to interest others in a further research. Certainly, it is more than likely that among the wills and administrations from 1628 to 1720 may be found references to Strattons in Amer-

ica which would result in establishing ancestral lines and discovering items of interest and historical value on the family name.

STRATTON WILLS

ABSTRACTS

Eighteen of these wills have already been copied, or abstracted, from the originals for this volume. Those of the Shotley and Shrivenham Strattons are given in full under those lines. Abtracts of others are given below:

WILL of JOHN STRATTON, of Seagrey, Wilts, gent., dated Oct. 11, 1614.

I bequeath my Manor of Thickewood in the parish of Cullerno co. Wilts to my son Henry Stratton for life with remainder to John Stratton son of said Henry and his heirs; provided always that my son Edward Stratton do hold and enjoy the said Manor for 10 years next following my decease to enable him to pay my debts.

To my grandchild Ann Stratton daughter of my son Edward and her heirs all the lands and tenements in Yatton Keynell and Easton Percye co. Wilts which I purchased of Josias Taylor f Yatton Keynell gent.

To my son Edward Stratton four of my best brass vessels.

My hous at Seagrey and my house at Brinckworth co. Wilts.

My house at Haseland, parish of Bremble, Co. Wilts.

Poor of the parishes of Chippenham Calve and Malmsbery.

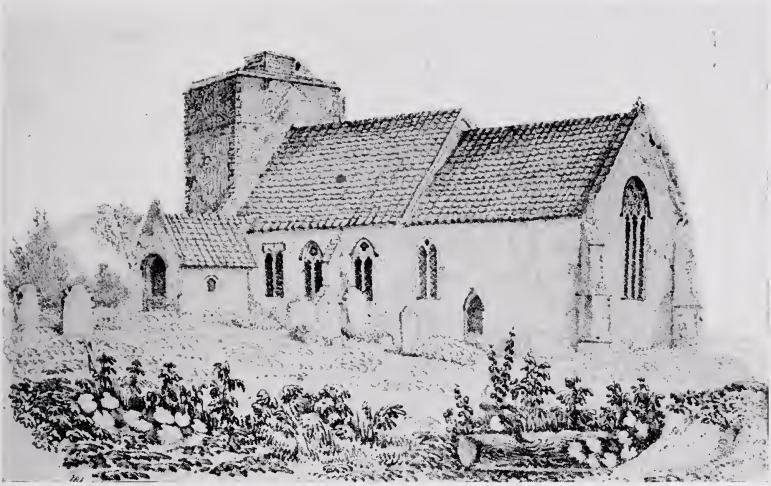
Residuary legatee and executor, my son Edward.

Overseers, my friends Thomas Sumers of Littleton in the parish of Stepleashton co. Wilts gent, John Woodland of Chippenham yeoman, Richard Smith of Kennett yeoman, John Gale of Avon yeoman, and Thomas Walker of Brinckworth gent.

Witnesses:

Charles Baylyffe, John Hibberd
Jasper Wheeler, Henry Blackmore
Richard Pockridge, Robert Childe
Edward Adye, William Brewer

Proved 19 November 1624 by the executor named.



Stretton St. Michael Church

In the Parish of Long Stratton, Norfolk. A Fair was granted here to Roger de Stratton by King John. (*Page* 8.)



Stretton Parva

An ancient chapelry in the parish of King's Norton, six miles from Leicester.

WILL of ROBERT STRATTON of Hanger in the parish of Bremhill co. Wilts, dated 2 January 1617–18.

To be buried in the churchyard of Bremhill.

To the church and poor of Bremhill 20s.

Mr Thomas Collyer vicar of Bremhill 13s. 4d.

Whereas I have agreed with Lady Lucy Baynton Lady of the Manor of Bremhill that the names of my son Thomas Stratton and my daughter Phrizwith Stratton shall be in my copy of the reversion of my living at Foxham as also that my daughter Elizabeth Stratton and my son Thmas Stratton shall be nominated in the reversion of my living at Spirthall now in consideration thereof I do give unto my son Thomas Stratton £30.

My daughter Elizabeth £20.

My daughter Phrizwith Stratton £250.

Residuary legatee and executrix, Jean my wife.

Overseers, my brother Thomas Stratton and my brother in law Thomas Somner.

Witnesses:

Tho: Collyer, Joan Lewse

Proved 31 January 1617–18 by the executrix.

WILL of JOHN STRATTON of Kingston co. Wilts. yeoman dated 14 March 1649–50.

Poor of Kingston Deverell 40s. Poor of Mayden Bradley 40s. Church of Kingston aforesaid 10s. Church of Mayden Bradley 10s.

Grace Bridle daughter of Jonathan Bridle deceased a featherbed.

Nicholas and Ann Oldyn children of my sister Joan deceased 40s. apiece.

My kinswoman Susan Allen daughter of my brother Henry Stratton deceased 40s.

John Oldyn my godson son of my said sister Joan £6.

Whereas I hold by Indenture on the grant of Sir Edward Seymour Knt. 4 acres arable land in the eastfield of Mayden Bradley and 4 acres arable land in the middlefield there for certain years yet enduring, determinable upon the death of one Edward Oldyn and of one William Davis in said Indenture named, now I do give one half the said land to John Fewe and Catherine Fewe children of Jeffrie Fewe of Mayden Bradley my kinsman during all my

estate therein; and the other half I give to my godson Nicholas Davis son of my son in law Nicholas Davis.

Andrew Leversage son of my son in law Andrew Leversage £5.

My daughter in law Grace Hayme £5.

The three children of my daughter in law Elinor Stone wife of William Stone of Froome Woodlands 40s. apiece.

Residuary legatee and executor, my son in law Richard Cantloe.

Witnesses:

Edward Rickards, Marie Bourne

Proved 8 June 1650 by the executor named.

WILL of ELIZABETH STRATON the elder of Pawsey co. Wilts, widow dated 14 February 1654–5.

Tomasin Elington my daughter 12d.

Jane Harding my daughter 12d.

Elizabeth Straton my daughter all the rest of my goods, the same to be made over to John Straton and Edmund Straton my sons for her maintenance for the term of her natural life.

Overseers, said John and Edmund Straton.

Witnesses:

Josias Cowley, John Sheperd

15 Feb. 1657–8 commission to John and Edmund Straton the sons, special trustees and residuary legataries, to administer.

WILL of THOMAS STRATON of Manuden (co. Essex) dated 4 October 1502.

To be buried in the churchyard of St. Marie of Manuden.

To the high altar there xijd.

The rest of my goods I leave to my wife (not named), whom I ordeyne executrix.

Supervisor, John Queler of Manuden.

Witnesses:

John Clement, William Wodcoke

WILL Nuncupative of JOHN STRETON of Bramford co. Suffolk blacksmith, dated 18 February 1632–3.

He gave unto Alice his wife 26 pounds owing to him by Isaac Kettle and Henry Branstreete.

To his son John Streton he gave all the stuff in his shop.

Money he did owe to Mr John Blomefield of Ipswich.
Witnesses:
John Tann, John Wagger, both of Bramford.
Proved 22 May 1633 by Alice Streton.

WILL of THOMAS STREATON of Deadham co. Essex yeoman dated 29 August 1639.

To my eldest son Palle Streaton all my working tools in my shop and £20 in the hands of my brother Jonas Streaton.

To my five children, 4 daughters and one son, by my last wife, £4 each at 21.

My wife household stuff.

The residue of my goods to be sold and the proceeds equally divided amongst my four daughters and my son Jonas.

My youngest daughter Sarah the hach in the parlour.

Executor, my brother Jonas Stratton.
Witnesses:
Henry Fen, Thomas Makin
Proved 12 December 1639 by the executor named.

WILL Nuncupative of WILLIAM STRATTON of Walton co. Suffolk gent dated 30 March 1625.

First, concerning this eldest son, he declared that he had assured to him so much of his estate upon his marriage as he intended to convey. To William his second son he gave £12 per annum. To Roger his son £200. To Thomas his youngest son one house with the land thereto belonging in Walton, in the occupation of one Cocke, of the value of £22 per year. We willed that Rachell his wife should have the education of the said Thomas, and the use of the said house and lands until Michaelmas next.
Witnesses:
William Stiles, Mr. William Edwards, phisitian, John Crane
15 May 1625 commission to Rachell Stratton relict to administer.

WILL of JAMES STRUTTON of Walden co. Essex tanner dated 25 March 1659.

Marie Strutton and Suran Strutton my brother Jeffrey Strutton's daughters £10 each at 21.

My brother Richard Strutton 10s. and to five of his children namely Margaret Strutton John Strutton Amy Strutton Joan

Strutton and Ann Strutton £10 to be equally divided amongst them at their several ages of one and twenty years.

John Turner my brother Jeffrey's prentice a hyde of leather.

My brother Richard Strutton's wife Margaret two white blanketts.

John Strutton eldest son of my brother Jeffrey my free land lying in Wenden.

Residuary legatee and executor, my brother Jeffrey.

Witnesses:

John Strutton, Thomas Archer, Tho: Sell

Proved 8 October 1659 by the executor named.

WILL of THOMAS STRUTTON of Little Wenden co. Essex tanner dated 5 June 1657.

To my two sons in law and their wives my daughters namely to Benjamin Martin and Amie his wife and to Thomas Richmond and Ann his wife my customary land in Little Wenden and Arkesden co. Essex; likewise my freehold pasture called Duxstreets Pasture in Great Wenden; together with my pasture called the Moores in Little Wenden until Thomas Strutton my grandchild attain his age of 8 (sic) years when I do give the same unto him and his heirs forever.

Martha Strutton my grandchild £50 at marriage or 21.

My cosin Marie Strutton daughter of Richard Strutton my brother's son £20 at 21.

Residuary legatees and executors, my said sons in law.

Witnesses:

John Strutton, Robert Jagger, Wm Densley

Proved 25 November 1657 by the executors named.

21 January 1656–7 issued letters of administration to Martha Stratton relict of Thomas Stratton late of Wendon co. Essex deceased.

WILL of WILLIAM STRUTTON of H. M. Ship Guernsey dated 20 December 1703.

Sole legatee my wife Margaret of St. James Westminster, whom executrix.

Witnesses:

Thomas Lane, John Bates, Samuel Draper

OTHER SOURCES

Many mentions of Strattons have already been found in the Public Record Office—on the Hundred Rolls, Calendar of Patent Rolls, Close Rolls, Inquisition Post Mortem Records, Court of Requests, Records and Proceedings in Chancery.

HUNDRED ROLLS. TEMP. EDWARD I

The counties, or shires, of England were early divided into Hundreds,—supposed to have originally contained one hundred inhabitants.

The court held for all the people of a Hundred was known as the Hundred court. The name Stratton appears frequently on the Hundred Rolls and many items similar to the following may be found:

Oxon. William de Straton held one virgate of land in Godigdon of the Prior of Chetwode, rent 13s. 4d.

Oxon. Joun Golaffre held the Manor of Certenden by one knight's fee of Adam de Stratton, who in turn held it of the Countess of Albemarle.

Oxon. The heirs of Alexander de Aundevil held the Manor of Podelicot of Adam de Stratton by one knight's fee, and the said Adam held the same of the Countess of Albemarle.

Norf. Sir W. Giffard, Sheriff, is found guilty of negligence for that he did not take William de Dunston who killed John de Stratton.

Norf. Found that Robert de Norton, Sheriff, took of John de Stratton five cows for a debt of the Lord King viz: 10s. and gave him no acquittance.

CALENDAR OF PATENT ROLLS
1581–1689

Lands holden in capite, or chief, could only he alienated by royal consent. When an alienation was made without this consent first obtained a formal "pardon" was afterwards obtained. Many of these pardons are found on the Calendar of Patent Rolls.

16 Eliz: Part 5

Regina 27 May con' Anthonio Stratton the office of kepinge of the gaines of hare partridge and fezaunts ad vitam.

23 Eliz: Part 5

R. 2 Sept' con' Johi Hyton gent lic' alien' iiij mess' in Shrevenham in com' Berks Willo Strotton.

32 Eliz: Part 11

R. primo die Junij con' Willo Stratton pardon spial.

34 Eliz: Part 13

R. 2 Decemb' con' Rico Dennys licen' alien' quinqz partes manerij de Hampton Turvile et al in com' Wiltes Thome Stratton et al.

9 James I: Part 20, No. 5

R. nono die Aprilis con' Alexo Straton milit' Dno de Laurenston omnia bona et catalla et duas ptes terrar' rone Recusancie Georgij Stockdale Rici Nicholson Johis Cowpland Thome Branch et alior'.

10 James I: Part 33

R. viij die May con' Johi Strotton gen' pardon al' quia acquiss' sibi et hered mesuag' et al' in Kingrove et alibi in com' Glouc' de Arnaldo Lygon mil' et al'.

16 James I: Part 29, No. 94

Rx 16 die Feb' con' Thome Stratton pardon al' mesuag' et alia in Forneham infra paroch' de Shrevenham in com' Berks de Rico Constable gen'.

11 Car. I: Part 38, No. 66

Rx primo die Aprilis con' Edro Stratton gen' et al' licen' al' Geo Flower un' messuagiu' un' gardin' et alia cu' pertin' in Old Sadbury Chipping Sandbury Doddington Wapley at Codrington in com' Glouc'.

16 Car. I: Part 15, No. 24

R. 17 Junij con' Edro Stratton pardon al' quia acquisivit sibi de Georgio Flower maner' de Kingrove in porchia de Sodbury in com' Glouc'.

CLOSE ROLLS
1558–1631

The Close Rolls, too, contain many mentions of the early Strattons, some of which have been abstracted.

10 Eliz. Part 11: John Stratton r' Xpofero Draper mil.
25 Eliz. Part 6: Inden' fca Simoni Stratton per Johem Carter.
*28 Eliz. Part 24: Johes Stratton r' Thome Penne.
*32 Eliz. Part 8: Inden' fca Thom' Stretton per Riem Thekeston et al.
44 Eliz. Part 5: Inden' tripartit' fact' int' Thoman Stretton ex prima pts Robtu' Crannoll et al' ex seda pte et Johem Reve ex t'cia pte.
11 James I. Pt. 19: Indentur' fact' Johi Stretton et al' per Edrm Dalby.
17 James I. Pt. 20: Geo: Stretton Samuel Soame et al' per Humfrm Streat.
22 James I. Pt. 41: Edrus Stratton r' Robto Stratton.
*1 Car. I. Pt. 31: Johes Stratton r' Johi Hayward mil'.
3 Car. I. Pt. 19: Willo Stretton per Johem Wylmer.
3 Car. I. Pt. 22: Thome Stratton et al' per Johem Farmer.
4 Car. I. Pt. 1: Robto Stratton et al' per Edrum Barrett.
*6 Car. I. Pt. 37: Anne Stratton per Franciscu' Noone.
6 Car. I. Pt. 11: Roberto Bourne per Thomas Stratton.

This list is not complete. Many more might be found.

ABSTRACTS FROM CLOSE ROLLS

28 Eliz. Part 24.

JOHN STRATTON of Cuddington co. Bucks yeoman recognizes to owe unto Thomas Penne citizen and vintner of London £160 to be paid at the Feast of St. John Baptist next after the date of this recognizance. Given at Westminster 22 March 28 Eliz. (1578)

The condition of this Recognizance is such that if the above bounden John Stratton do pay to the said Thomas Penne the sum of £74 on the 28th day of September next within the now dwelling house of the said Thomas Penne situate in Thames Street in the parish of St. Martin's in the Vintrye of London that then this recognizance shall be voyde.

32 Eliz. Part 8.

INDENTURE made 13 February 32 Eliz. Between Richard Thekeston of London gent and Henry Best citizen and

* These have been abstracted for this volume.

scrivener of London of the one part and Thomas Stretton of Stretton co. Derby yeoman of the other part Witnesseth: That said Thekston and Best for a certain sum of money to them by the said Stretton paid do by these presents bargain sell and confirm for themselves and their heirs unto the said Stretton and his heirs forver all that their croft and all those their two virgates of land and pasture with all common and waste land thereto pertaining lying in Dunesthorpe alias Duringthorpe in the counties of Liecester and Derby now or late in the tenure of Walter Stretton parcel of the possessions of the late Monastery of Pollesworth in co-Warwick and to one Richard Stretton by latters patent dated 2 July 19 Eliz. for the term of 21 years by the yearly rent of 12s. granted And also all and singular the houses buildings etc to the said croft and premises belonging and in as ample manner and form as the Queen by her letters patent dated 29 January in the year above written did grant the same unto the said Thekeston and Best TO have and to hold unto the said Thomas Stretton and his heirs and assigns to the sole use and behof of the said Thomas Stretton and his heirs forever as of the Queen's Manor of Estgrenewiche in co. Kent by fealty in free socage and not in capite or by Knight service. Recognized 18 February and enrolled 20 February. 1 Car. I. Pt. 31

SUFFOLK JOHN STRATTON * of Shortley co. Suffolk gent recognizes to owe unto John Hayward of the parish of St. Bartholomew the Great and West Smithfield London Knt. D.C.L. £200 to be paid at the Feast of St. Andrew the Apostle next following the date of this recognizance. Dated at Westminster 3 November 1625.

The Condition of this Recognizance is such that if the above bounden John Stratton do pay unto the said Hayward the sum of £104 at the now dwelling house of the said Hayward situate in Great St. Bartholomew's near West Smithfield London on the 5th of May next, that then this recognizance shall be void.

Vacat' 2 May 3 Charles I., the condition being fulfilled.

* This John Stratton was brother of Joseph Stratton who came to James City, Virginia, in 1628, and father of John Stratton of Salem, Mass.

6 Car. I. Pt. 37 .

INDENTURE made the 25th day of June 5 Charles I. between Francis Noone of Martlesham co. Suffolk gent on the one part and Anne Stratton late of Ardley co. Essex on the other part Witnesseth: That said Noone for £340 in hand paid hath bargained and sold unto the said Anne Stratton all that his Manor of Martlesham Hall lying in Martlesham Keasgrave Bealings Magna Beallings Parva Bamsholt Trimbley St. Martin Trimley St. Mary and Foxall co. Suffolk with all the copyhold and customary lands and tenements parcel of the said Manor as also his advowson and right of patronage of the church of Martlesham Provided always that if the said Noone do pay unto the said Anne Stratton the full sum of £340 upon the 26th day of March 1638 then this Indenture shall be void.

INQUISITION POST MORTEM RECORDS

Henry 7, Car. 2:

*Stratton George, Suff., 14 Hen. 7.....E. File 610, No. 6 Duplicated in C. Vol. 13, No. 125.

*Stratton John, Suff., 2 Eliz.....C. Vol. 128, No. 58 Dup. in Wards & Liveries, Vol. 8, No. 177.

*Stratton Thomas, Suff., 39 Eliz.....C. Vol. 250, No. 74

Stratton William, Berks., 44 Eliz.....C. Vol. 267, No. 103 Dup. in W. & L. Vol. 26, No. 180.

Stretton Richard, Leic., 13 James I.....C. Vol. 517, No. 180

Stratton John, Glouc., 2 Charles I.....C. Vol. 425, No. 3, Edward Stratton son and heir, aged 40.

Stratton John, Wlts., 12 Charles I.....C. Vol. 479, No. 90 W. & L. Bdle 89, No. 233.

(Same man)

Stratton John, Glouc., 12 Charles I.....C. Vol. 480, No. 15 W. & L. Bdle 87, No. 187

(Same man)

Stratton Mary, Wilts., 11 Charles I.....C. Vol. 479, No. 45 W. & L. Bdle 87, No. 336

* For abstracts of these three see "Shotley Strattons," in this volume.

Stratton Thomas, Berks., 7 Charles I.....C. Vol. 462, No. 22
W. & L. Bdle 81, No. 101
Stratton William, lunatic, Lond., 6 Charles I.....
..... C. Vol. 454, No. 34
This list is not complete.

COURT OF REQUESTS RECORDS

Abstracts Miscel., Book 134. 16 May 2 Charles I. Touching the cause of the sute of Thomas Garrard Esq. complt against John Stratton Gent and Elizabeth his wief defts The said John Stratton maketh othe that Sir John Kiddermaster coming unto Maydenhead about the first Monday in Lent last, sayd unto this depont hat if he would not accept of fyve pounds for his debt due from the said Thomas Garrard, being eleven pounds, and if the said Stratton would sue, or take any legall course to come by the same, that then Mr Garrard would exhibit his bill in the Court of Requests, sayinge that this depont should spend as much as his debt came unto, and it might be lose it when he had soe done, and did then speake of some other that he had sued in the lyke kynde in the same Court.

20 May 2 Charles I. Touching the cause at the sute of Thomas Garard Esq. against John Stratton Gent and Elizabeth his wief defts: William Bennell of Langley Marrish in the county of Buck gent, aged xxv yeres or thereabouts, maketh othe that that upon Thursday last past he did shewe unto the said John Stratton an order of this Court made between the said parties dated the xijth of this instant which the said Stratton did take in his hands and did looke thereupon, confessing to this deponent that he had a copie thereof, And this deponent then demanded of the said Stratton for and to the use of the said Court the some of xxs. for costs, But the seyd Stratton refused to pay it, this deponent having left a copy of the said order for him upon the xvth day of this instant at an office in Fetter Lane where the said Stratton useth to wryte.

Other Strattons are found on the records of the Court of Requests.



STRATTON PARK, HAMPSHIRE

Now the seat of the Earl of Northbrook. (*Page* 7.)

PROCEEDINGS IN CHANCERY—ABSTRACTS

STRATTON v. FRANCKLYN, Eliz. S, 25: 40

Bill of Complaint of William Stretton citizen and alderman of the City of Rochester, co. Kent. dated 2 June 1597:

Sir George Sidenham Knt and Elizabeth his wife were seised in the right of said Elizabeth of the Manor of Mottenden co. Kent and lands in Sutton Valance and Warden co-Kent late part of the possessions of the Monastery of Mottenden and devised the same to one Thomas Mascall gent who did assign the said Manor and lands unto plaintiff. But one Thomas Francklyn of the City of Canterbury hath obtained possession of the Indenture of lease and other deed relating to the said Manor and hath entered into the said premises. Sues for the return of the deeds etc.

STRATTON v. HILTON, Jam. I, S. 26: 12

Bill of Complaint of John Stratton of Segrs co. Wilts. gent dated 2 Nov. 1619:

Edmund Escourte late of Tedbury co. Glouc. deceased was about June 15 James I. seized of certain messuage lands in Brinckworthe Braden and Braden Marsh co. Wilts. which formerly did belong to Thomas Escourte Esq. deceased father of said Edmund and then were in the occupation of Jeffrey Pynell William Baylye John Robyns, William Osborne and John Willmor. Said Edmund being so seised did with the consent of Margaret his then wife and of Richard Hilton of Daglingworth co. Glouc. gent (who together with the said Margaret did intermeddle with and manage said estate) for the sum of £750 sell the said messages unto plaintiff. In or about April 16 James I. Edmund died at Bath, leaving goods valued at £1000 and making Margaret his wife sole executrix; after whose death said Margaret married the said Richard Hilton.

STRATTON v. NEWMAN, Car. I, 103: 14

Bill of Complaint of Thomas Stratton dated 26 Nov. 1628:

Plaintiff and one Thomas Newman his father in law had

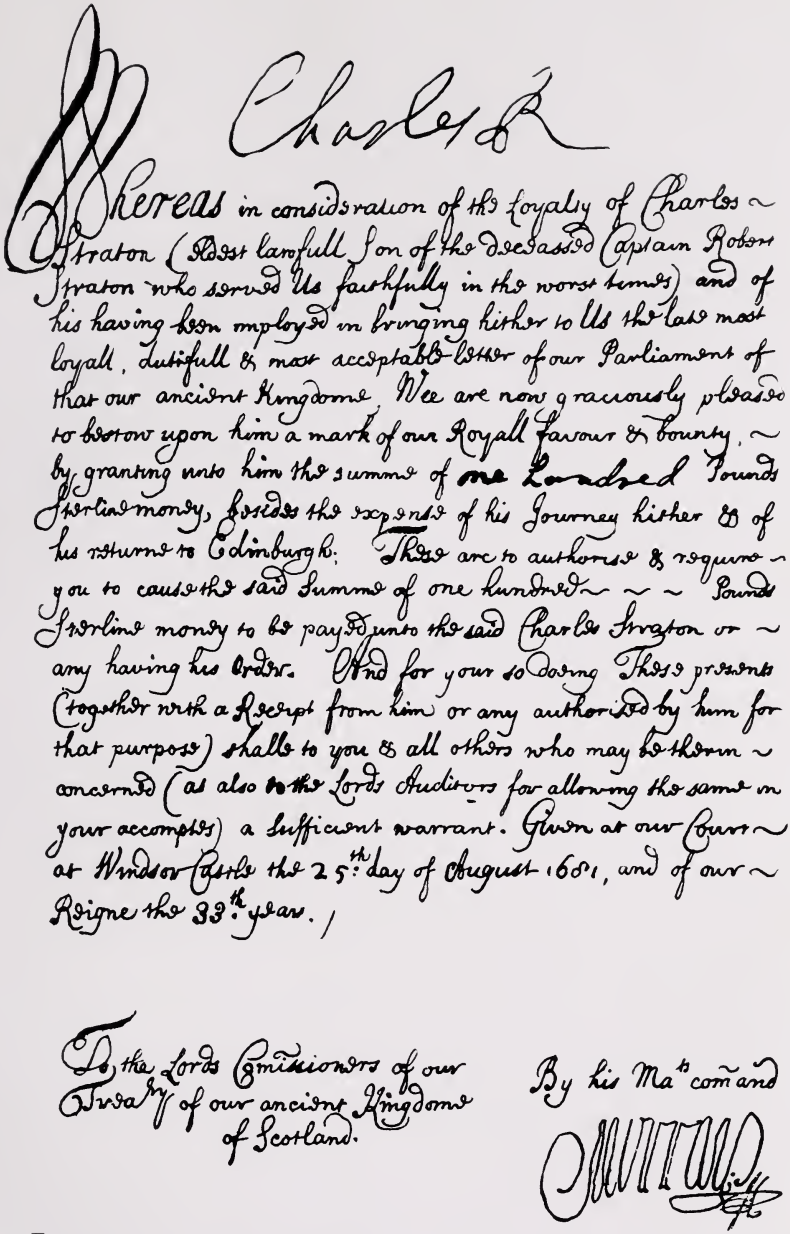
divers dealings together for loan of money and delivery of cattle, all which money and cattle, thro' the mediation of one Mr Leach and one Anthony Hardinge, are paid unto the said Newman, who promisey to give him, plaintiff, a receipt for the same, but hath failed so to do.

STRATTON v. BISHOP, Charles I, S. 110: 51

Bill of Complaint of Richard Stratton of Shaw co. Wilts husbandman dated 9 May 1639:

Michael Tincombe senior of Devises co. Wilts gent being seised of a messuage called Tynkfield lying in Allcannings co. Wilts, together with 6 acres of land, of the yearly value of £4, did long time since demise and grant the same unto John Stratton plaintiff's father, Alexander Stratton plaintiff's elder brother, and plaintiff himself, for their three lives. John Stratton the father died, and Alexander Stratton, plaintiff's elder brother, also died, about the month of March, leaving issue Katherine his oly daughter, and heir, now wife of one George Bisshoppe of Easterton co. Wilts yeoman. who hath gotten possession of the lease to the detriment of plaintiff.

To all these sources must be added the Parish Registers of births, marriages and burials, many of them reaching back to very early days, and the gravestones in the yards of so many of the ancient churches.



Charles R

Whereas in consideration of the Loyalty of Charles Straton (Eldest lawfull Son of the deceassed Captain Robert Straton who served Us faithfully in the worst times) and of his having been employed in bringing hither to Us the last most loyall, dutifull & most acceptable Letter of our Parliament of that our ancient Kingdome We are now graciously pleased to bestow upon him a mark of our Royall favour & bounty, by granting unto him the summe of one Hundred Pounds Sterling money, besides the expence of his Journey hither & of his returne to Edinburgh. These are to authorise & require you to cause the said Summe of one hundred ~ ~ ~ Pounds Sterling money to be payd unto the said Charles Straton or any having his Order. And for your so doing These presents (together with a Receipt from him or any authorised by him for that purpose) shall to you & all others who may be therin concerned (as also to the Lords Auditors for allowing the same in your accomptes) a sufficient warrant. Given at our Court at Windsor Castle the 25th day of August 1681, and of our Reigne the 33th year.

To the Lords Commissioners of our Treasury of our ancient Kingdome of Scotland.

By his Ma^ties^ com^and^

Facsimile of Letter from King Charles II to Charles Straton of Lauriston Castle. (*Pages* 38–42)

EARLY STRATTONS IN GREAT BRITAIN

"Peculiar interest always clusters around the beginnings of things." LYON.

THREE distinct lines of Strattons have been especially studied in Great Britain:

Stratons of Lauriston, 1124–1904.

Strattons of Shotley, 1392–1631.

Strattons of Shrivenham, about 1530–1660.

Of the LAURISTON LINE it is not yet proven that any settled in America before the Revolution,—although tradition says that the line was represented here in colonial days. (See *Stratons of Lauriston.*)

Of the SHOTLEY LINE, while it is known that two settled in America as early as 1628, proof is yet wanting to show that they have descendants by the name of Stratton living here to-day. (See *Strattons of Shotley.*)

Considerable space is given in the following pages to these two lines,—because they contain much of general interest, and because they show what might be done in other lines if a sufficiently thorough research could be made.

From the SHRIVENHAM LINE several emigrants had settled in America before 1660, and from them many Strattons of the present generation in the United States have been satisfactorily traced in lineal descent. (See *Strattons of Shrivenham.*)

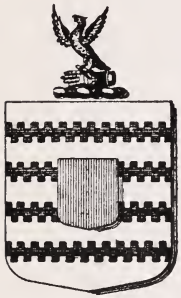
A glance at Chart 1, and at the outline on pages 62 and 63, will show that others of these lines may have settled in America and have descendants here to-day. The Stretton Arms on page 12 is thought to belong to the Shrivenham line. Proof is lacking.

It is ardently hoped that further research may soon be undertaken in England to trace the Shrivenham line back to the origin of this name, and establish the coat of arms to which it is entitled, as has been done in the Lauriston and Shotley lines.

SCOTLAND—THE LAURISTON LINE

Arms: Argent 4 bars embattled counter embattled sable, over all an escutcheon gules. Crest, an eagle, displayed, on hand in armor, couped at wrist.

Lauriston Castle,* the home of the Stratons for more than four hundred years, is in the Parish of St. Cyrus, Kincardineshire, Scotland. The name, in this instance, originated from the lands of Straton, near Edinburgh, which were granted by David I to Alexander, filius Roberti, in the twelfth century. The records begin with this Alexander, son of Robert, about 1100, and some branches are traced down to the present generation (1907).



Straton (Lauriston)

It was to this line that the Charles Straton belonged who brought to the king the news of the surrender of Edinburgh castle. To this line belonged, also, "our trusty and welbeloved captaine Robert Straton" to whom King Charles' letter was written in 1655; and Walter Straton who was murdered at Perth while defending his sovereign in 1437; † and David Stratton, the martyr of Edinburgh.‡

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* The photograph of Lauriston Castle was kindly sent the compiler by the present owner of the property. The etching of the castle is from an old sketch.

† See *Lives of Scottish Poets*, Vol. I, p. 16. Also, *The Fair Maid of Perth* by Sir Walter Scott, and *The Spæwife* by John Galt.

‡ David Stratton, the martyr.

"Several others were brought into the Bishop's Court, among them Norman Gourlay and David Stratton. They had said that there was no purgatory, and that the passion of Christ was the only expiation for sin, and that the tribulations of this world were the only sufferings that the saints underwent.

"These two although greatly solicited by the Archbishops and others of the clergy, refused to recant, and were accordingly condemned as obstinate heretics and sentenced to be burned upon the greenside between Lerth and Edinburgh, with a view to strike terror into the surrounding country. In the afternoon of the same day (Aug. 27, 1532, under the reign of Henry VIII), they were taken to the place of execution, and kneeling down, they prayed with great fervency for some time. Then Stratton, addressing himself to the spectators, exhorted them to lay aside their superstitions and idolatrous notions and employ themselves in seeking the true light of the gospel. He wished to have said more but was prevented by the officers. The sentence was



Lauriston Castle, Kincardineshire, Scotland
The home of the Stratons for more than 400 years. (*Page* 38.)

GENEALOGICAL OUTLINE

1. Alexander filius Roberti — To whom the lands of Straton were granted by David I of Ledland, 1124–1153.

2. Michael de Straton —

3. Alexander de Straton —

4. Richard de Straton — Living in Kincardineshire in 1276.

5. Sir Alexander Straton First Baron of Lauriston. — One of the commissioners chosen by Baliol 1291. Swore fealty to Edward I, 1291. Mentioned by Pope John XXII, 1320. In Parliament, 1320.

6. Sir Alexander Straton of Lauriston. — High Sheriff of Kincardineshire, 1328.

7. John Straton of Lauriston. — Mentioned in a conformation by Robert II.

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then put into execution and the Martyrs cheerfully yielded up their bodies to the flames commending their souls to the mercy of their Heavenly Father and hoping for immortality through the merits of their blessed Redeemer."

From Fox's *Book of Martyrs.*

8. Sir Alexander Straton=Anne, daughter of Alexander de Berkelay.
Sat in Parliament, 1371. Killed at the Battle of Harlaw, 1411.



Seal of Alexander Straton, affixed to a charter, dated Sept. 1, 1376, belonging to Mrs. Barclay-Allardice, of Ury and Allardice.

9. Sir Alexander Straton, Baron of Lauriston.=A daughter of Lord Southerland of Dunrobin.
One of the 24 Barons sent to England in pledge for James I, 1424.

10. Sir Alexander Straton de Lauriston.=A daughter of Forbes of Tolquhaun.
A hostage in 1432. Sat in Parliament, 1463–1470.
His brother Walter, cup-bearer to James I, was murdered the night that the king was assassinated at Perth, 1437.

11. Alexander Straton of Lauriston and The Knox.=Margaret, eldest daughter and co-heir of Strachan of Dillivard.

12. Alexander Straton of The Keym and Lauriston.=Marian, daughter of Andrew, Lord Grey, and of his spouse Janet, only daughter of Lord Keith.
His son David was burned as a martyr at Edinburgh, August 27, 1532.

13. Alexander Straton of Lauriston. = Agnes Ogilvie, of Findlater. She survived her husband and married Sir David Lindsay.

14. Andrew Straton Brother of the last Baron of Lauriston, who was eldest nephew and co-heir with Patrick, Lord Grey, 1541. = Margaret, daughter of Sir David Lindsey, who was eighth in descent from Robert Bruce, King of Scotland.

15. George Straton of Lauriston. = Eldest daughter of Sir John Forbes of Pitsligo. Member of Parliament for Kincardineshire in 1567. Died in 1580.

16. Alexander Straton = Agnes, daughter of Arbuthnot of that Ilk, and granddaughter of Robert, Lord Kieth. Member of Parliament, and one of the commissioners for the union of England and Scotland. In 1605 Parliament awarded him a pension of 100 marks from the Lordship of Scone.

17. Andrew Straton of Warburton. = Marjory Forbes, a daughter of the Bishop of Aberdeen.

18. David Straton of Fatherhall. = Isabella Strachan. Born 1636—died 1725.

19. James Straton of Drumhenry. = Mary ————.

20. David Straton of Marykirk. = Ann Cairricross, 1744. Born 1722—died 1795.

21. Charles Straton of St. Cyrus. = Janet Schwabble, 1794. Born 1758 in Kincardine, and died there in 1846.

22. Charles Straton = Helen Neddrie, 1841. Born, 1813, in Marykirk, Kincardineshire. A lawyer. Settled in America. Died in New Brunswick, 1899.

Andrew Straton of the eighteenth generation in this line, had a son Andrew, who, tradition says, is the ancestor of some American Colonial Strattons. The compiler has found no proof of it. A more extended research would doubtless bring to light much interesting material, and might prove that others of this long line are represented among the Strattons in our country to-day.

Much of the information concerning this line is from records kindly given the compiler by Dr. Charles R. Straton, of County Wilts. Eng. (eldest son of the last-named Charles in the outline above), and is largely from manuscript in his possession.* Dr. Straton has a son, Captain Charles Henry Straton, and a grandson Charles Noy Straton—and so the lineal line has been traced through twenty-five generations, from Robert, father of Alexander de Straton, born in Scotland before 1100, to little Charles Noy Straton, born in India, in 1904.

May not equally long and interesting "trees" be in store for the several lines of American Strattons whose ancestry has not yet been traced back of Colonial days?

* This outline, given above, shows but one branch, i. e. one son in each generation. The records of the collateral branches fill many pages of manuscript. The Strattons whom the compiler has found in this country belonging to this line have settled here within the last two generations. Most of them spell the name "Straton." It is quite possible, however, that others came at an earlier date—and perhaps in Colonial Days.

Pedigree of STRATTON of Shotley, Suffolk and ...ım, Essex. (*Compiled from original sources.*)

CHART 1

WALTER de STRATTON ... ,Y
Will dated and proved 1392. Buried in Lev·lngton Church. ... rix to her husband.

AUGUSTINE STRATTON, Esq

EDMUND STRATTON, of Shotley, Esq. ... **GARET**
Will dated 30 Sept. 1474. Died 11 Oct. 1476. Buried in Shotley Church. Inq. 31 Oct. 1477. ... ee under hushand's will of the ... r of Thurkalton for life.

AUGUSTINE STRATTON, clk. Devisee under father's will of the Manor of Thurkalton for life, after death of his mother. Aged 40 in 1477. Died hefore 1498.

GEORGE STRATTON of Shotley. Devisee under father's will of the Manor of Levlngton. Also of the Manor of Thurkalton after decease of his mother and his brother Augustlne. Entailed the Manor of Kirkton by deed and the Manor of Thurkalton by will. Died, Friday after Pentacost 1498. Inq. P. M. 28 Oct. 1498.

... ABETH

JOHN STRATTON

GEORGE STRATTON of Shotley, gent. born 1490. Inherited the Manors Kirkton and Thurkalton. Will dated 24 Aug. 1547. Proved [P.C. C.] 13 June 1548. Burled in Shotley Church. == . . . . . Predeceased her husb...

ROGER HAWYS == **ELIZABETH.** Devlsee under hrother's will of a tenement in Shotley.

JOHN STRATTON of Shotley, esq. Inherited the Manor of Kirkton and Thurkalton. Died 16 ... Sept. 1560. Inq. P. M. 23rd Sept. 1560. Will dated 5 Dec. 1559. Proved [C. C. Nor.] 16 June 1561. == **CICILY**, Daughter of Thomas Felton, esq. and of Cicily, his wife [afterwards wife of Nick Sampson, Esq.] marr.: settlement dated 24 Aug. 25 Henry VIII. Proved her hushand's will 1561.

ANTHONY, legatee under father's will. Prohahly of age in 1547. Legatee under hrother John's will 1559 "if alive."

ROBE... under ... of £20 1550.

MARGARET, legatee under father's will of £30, to he paid 1552. Burled at Shotley, 28 Apr. 1574. Legatee under hrother John's will 1559. Then unmarried.

PHILIP, legatee under father's will of £20, to he paid 1554. Legatee under hrother John's will of 1559.

FRAS HARMAN == **KATHERINE**, legatee under father's will.

THOMAS STRATTON of Shotley, Suffolk and Dedham, Essex, gent. Born 1546. Inherited Manors of Kirkton and Thurkalton. Will dated 18 April 1596. Proved [P. C. C.] 4 Nov. 1596. Died at Dedham 29 May 1596. Buried at Shotley 1 June 1596. Inq. P. M. 19 Jan. 1596-7. Left his lands in trust to his cousin John Morgan, of Ipswich, gent., during his heirs minority. == **DOROTHY**, marr. hefore 18 Aug. 15 Eliz. [1573] co. exectx. of hushand's will. Afterwards marr.: ... Linton. Admon. [Ipswich] to son John 4 Mar. 1616-17.

MARY, legatee und... ther's will.

. . . . **HANKYN** == **ELIZABETH**, legatee under hrother's will 1596.

JOHN STRATTON, of Shotley, Suffolk and Ardleigh, Essex, gent. Aged 15 years and 99 days, 19 Jan. 1596-7. Inherited Manors of Kirkton and Thurkalton at 21. Will dated 24 Sept. 1621. Proved [P. C. C.] 19 May 1627. Died at Ardleigh, Essex. Buried at Shotley, 4 May 1627. == **ANN** [Derehaugh] co-exct. of husband's will. *Came to America as early as 1637, and lived in Salem, Mass.*

BENJAMIN, life annuity, of £10 under father's will. Legatee under brother John will, 1621. Buried at Shotley, 23 May 1627.

...egatee under fa... 1596. Then unmarried Harrison.

ELIZABETH, legatee under father's will 1596.

JOSEPH STRATTON, legatee under father's will of £100 at 21, and under hrother John's will. *Died at James City, Va. Admon* [P. C. C.] *to relict Joan, 2 June 1641.* == **JOAN** **SARAH**

JOHN STRATTON, minor in 1621. Devisee under father's will of Manor of Thurkalton after mother's death. *Had grant of 2,000 acres of land in New England 1 Dec. 1631, having then resided three years there.*

WILLIAM, legatee under father's will of £100 at 21.

ANTHONY, legatee under father's will of £100 at 21.

ANN, l... ...ather's will of £10...

ELIZABETH, legatee under father's will of £100 at 18. *Came to America in the ship "Increase" in April 1635. Married John Thorndike and settled in Beverly, Mass.*

MARY, legatee under father's will of £100 at 18.

DOROTHY, legatee under father's will of £100 at 18. *Came to America about 1637*

CHART I

ENGLAND—THE SHOTLEY LINE

Arms: Argent, on a cross sable, five besants.

In the eastern part of England, about seventy-five miles from London, near the extreme end of the peninsula formed by the rivers Orwell and Stour stands the village of Shotley, or, as it is called in Domesday, "Scoteleia." Another name commonly coupled with the place in ancient records is Kirketon, frequently abbreviated into Kirton, and signifying, as we gather from the form it takes in Domesday—"Cherchetuna"—the town or hamlet of the church.

Directly opposite the village of Shotley, looking across the estuary of the united rivers, may be seen the town of Harwich, with its crowded shipping; and, beyond the town, a glint of the open sea. Dovercourt, where Richard Stroughton, or Stratton, was vicar in the early part of the sixteenth century, lies a little further south. A ferry boat plies between Harwich and Shotley Gate, as the pier or landing place is called. Ipswich, nine miles away, may be reached either by the Orwell or by road; and it was no doubt by the latter that Thomas Stratton, squire of Shotley, travelled when he proceeded to Ipswich, in the twenty-seventh year of the reign of good Queen Bess, to obtain from the magistrates of that town licence for Mistress Dorothy, his wife, to "eat fleshmete during the Lenten season," because of some infirmity with which she was then afflicted.

"A note of all such Persons as be lycenced to eat fleshmete this lent season by the Bayliffs of Ipswich according to the Orders & directions of Her Maties Most Honorable Pvy Councell:—

"Dorothie the wief of Thomas Stratton gent."

1585, *Ipswich Court Books.*

Coming up the gentle slope of Shotley Street from the Gate, one descries ahead, crowning a moderate eminence overlooking the Haven of Orwell, the odd structure known as Shotley church. According to Domesday, two churches stood in this parish in the time of the Conqueror, but one of these has long since crumbled into dust, its very site being now unknown. As it fell into disuse and ruin—as it appears to have done at a very early period—the

religious interests of the community centered more and more in the remaining church, and hence in course of time that part of the parish in which it stood came to be known as Kirketon, or Churchtown, as distinguished from Shotley proper.

On the present church time has laid its hand heavily. The ancient upper tower has totally disappeared. The Chapel of St. Anne probably stood at the east end of the north aisle. No trace of it now remains, nor is there anything to indicate the window towards the construction, or completion, of which Edmund Stratton in 1474 contributed his six shillings and fourpence. The church has no stained glass. (See *Will of Edmund Stratton.*)

Unpretentious as the church is in outward appearance, the interior is greatly admired for its "elegance"—by which term, it is to be feared, is intended the beauty of the restoration carried out by the incumbent in 1745, rather than the chaste architecture of the more ancient roof or windows. Certainly the 1745 chancel, with its finely carved reredos, its oak panelling, and its chancel arch of wood, is interesting work of its kind; but one regrets the disappearance of the older chancel, and deplores the inconsiderate care with which every vestige of funeral monuments, mural tablets, and memorial inscriptions has been removed, obliterated, or hidden from view. The lofty thirteenth-century arch from the nave into the tower, which was then bricked up, but has within recent years been opened out again, could better be spared than these. All have disappeared. Of the members of the Stratton family who, as we learn from the wills, were laid to rest within the church, not a trace remains. Their only surviving monument in the parish is the ancient manor house, still known as Kirkton Hall, and the entries in what remains of the earlier parish registers.

These are unfortunately only too few in number. Everything relating to the baptisms, marriages and burials of the family, as it was before the year 1571, is lost. From that date onwards the burial register is intact; but the registers containing the marriages and baptisms are missing. On turning out the parish chest a few fragmentary sheets of ancient paper—remnants of the original register—were found adhering to the iron bottom. From these three Stratton baptisms were gleaned. They are written in a much bolder hand than the other entries amongst which they



The Stour River, Below Dedham Bridge
(*Page* 49)



Mill Lane
Showing the church tower, Dedham village. (*Pages* 43–49.)

appear, thus indicating that the family so honored was one of importance in the parish.*

The Chantry Certificates in the Public Record Office in London for the year 1546 show that there was anciently attached to the church of Shotley a chantry endowed with lands to the value of £7 a year. Of this sum 11s. went to the poor; the remainder to a priest to sing masses in the church for the souls of the departed. Such, at least, was the intention of the founder, one Richard Stroughton or Stratton, clerk, sometime curate of the church of Harwick, afterwards vicar of that church and of the adjoining church of Dovercourt.

WILL of RYCHARD STROUGHT(ON), preest, Vicar of Dowercourte and of Harwich, (co. Essex), dated 16 September, 1531. *Abstract.*

To be beryed in the chapell of Dowercourte, before the Image of the Roode there, or in the chapell of Saint Saviour in Harwich. I wyll that the day and yere of my departyng be graven upon the stone which I bought and ys all redy made to be layd oon my grave To the priour and convent of Colne to regyster my name to be prayed for there xs. To the Black ffryers of Ipswich vjs. viijd., for that I am a brother ther. A treigentall of masses to be songe for me where I lye. My buryall, my vijth daye, my xxx day, and my yere tyde to be kept. I wyll have fyve masses of the five woundes of our lorde god to be seyd for me at the King's newe chappell at Westminster, and in lyke maner at Boston. Ellyn Browne (dowter of Robert Browne) all my moveable goods in

* The greater part of these notes on the Shotley Strattons were furnished the compiler by Mr. J. Henry Lea, Genealogist, and Mr. Hutchinson of London. Some of the sources searched for data are:

Cromwell's *Excursions in Suffolk.*
Davy's *Noblemen and Gentlemen of Suffolk.*
Kirby, J., *The Suffolk Traveller.*
Page, A., *History of Suffolk.*
Suffolk, Nobility and Gentry of.
Add. Mss., *Visitations of Suffolk.*
Add. Mss., *Suffolk Collections.*
Add. Mss., *English Pedigrees* (Suffolk).
Hart. Mss., *Arms and Pedigrees of Suffolk Families.*
The Registers at Shotley and Dedham.
Probate records at Ipswich.

my howse at Dowercourte except the bedstedd in the hall which shalbe reservyd to Richard Allen. Margaret Strangman my newe howse by the churchyard in Harwich, which I lately edifyed. All my goodys that be in Beldames otherwyse called Giles I wyll equally to Margaret Strangman and Richard Culfo. To Harrye Dennant my boye my howse called Bennetts after the decess of Alice Fykytt. Elwys Clays my tenement in Harwich called Wryts. Alice Sparke my howse in Harwich called Giles. My lands and tenements in the Soken, viz. in Thorpe and Kyrkeby to be sold. Ellen Browne my greate howse in Harwich. Richard Culfo my tenement called Monks in Ramsey, he paying therefor yerely xxvjs. viijd. towards the fynding of a preest to syng for me, my frendes sowles, and all xpian soules, in Schotley; likewise my howse in Thorpe. Myn executors or els the churchwardens of Schotley shall bye asmuche lande as the yerely valour of xxs. towards the increase of my seyd preests lyving to syng for me at Shotley. Whereas the churchwardens of Shotley joyntly with othir been seased of & yn certayn londs in Chelmeton, Shotley, Dovercourte, and Ramsey to thuse of this my wyll, that ys to say to thuse of a preest to syng for my soule, my fathers soule, my mothers soule, and all xpen soules in the parish churche of Shotley, now if at any tyme to come yt so happen that the seyd use be barred or broken by the Kings lawes, then I wyll all the seyd londes be solde and the money thereof given to an honest preest to syng as aforeseyd as long as the money will endure. Proved 20 October 1531.

Prerogative Court of Canterbury. Thrower 8.

Whether he was a member of the Shotley family, we cannot say with certainty, but the fact of his having founded the chantry there in order that masses might be said for the souls of his father and mother, as well as for his own, would seem to indicate either that he was of the Shotley Strattons or very nearly related to them.

Shotley: In feoffment a chantry founded by Richard Stroughton), Vicar of Dovercourt, (co. Essex), and divers others One stipendiary priest to sing in the parish church of Shotley for 99 years. The lands then to be sold to maintain a priest as long as the money remains. Present priest, John Bull, aged 33 years, of "very honest conversation and small learning,



100 years ago.

In the 15th Century.

HARWICH (*Pages* 43–49)

as reported; holding no better living." Yearly value £7. To the poor 11s. No jewels or goods.

Chantry Cert., Suffolk: 1546—*P. R. Office, London.*

The priest for whose maintenance he thus provided did not long continue to sing for the souls of the departed in the old church overlooking the Orwell and the Stour. Long ere the 99 years of the original enfeoffment had expired the Reformation came, and with it the wholesale confiscation of lands demised to "pious uses" such as this. The chantry lands of Shotley thus became the property of the Crown, and Edward the Sixth, having founded a Grammar School at Bury St. Edmunds, conferred them upon that school as part of its endowment. Something of their later history is unfolded in the Chancery suit, "The Town of Bury St. Edmunds v. Edward Goodling and others," One of the defendants in this action was "Stratton, widow." This was none other than Mistress Dorothy, relict of Thomas Stratton of Shotley, gentleman, and mother of Joseph Stratton, probably the first of the name to adventure his fortune in the New World. She died early in the year 1617, having in the meantime married again; and John Stratton, her eldest son, administered her estate.

The Bill of Complaint of the Governors of the Free Grammar School of King Edward the Sixth in Bury St. Edmunds co. Suffolk, dated 7 May, 1599:—

The said Governors are seised in their demense as of fee n the Chauntrie of Kirketon alias Shotley and in lands called Hanslett Stirpe, Hailes, Crowes Tenement and Cokes lying in Kirketon alias Shotley and in Shelympton alias Chelmston to the said Chauntries sometyme belonging; all which Chauntrie and lands the said late King by his Letters Patent did graunte for the mayntenaunce of the said School. But nowe one Edward Goodinge gent and others, viz. Robert Knappe, (blank) Stratton, widowe, John Merrells, Thomas Lewgar gent, William Dawes and divers others have wrongfully entered into the said Chauntrie lands and do wrongfullie take the whole yssews thereof to their own uses, to the eveill examplesof others and to the hindrance of godlye and charatable uses.

The Answer of Edward Goodinge, one of the defendants, to the above Bill of Complaint, dated 8 June 41 Eliz.:—

This defendant saith it is very trewe that the Governors of the

said School were about xxiiij yeres since seised of and in the said Chauntrie lands; but it is likewise very trewe that before those lands came into the possession of the said Governors, they were letten to ferme for the term of four score and nynetene yeres. These leases the predecessors of the said Governors, about xvj yeres since, did confirm by charter; which charter this defendant is prepared to produce in support of his title.

Chan. Proc. Eliz. B. 14:25 *P. R. Office, London.*

Kirkton Hall—or, as it is now commonly called, Shortly Hall—is in all probability the same as that referred to in the Stratton wills as the family residence, although little of the present building is of earlier date than about 1630. It is a picturesque half-timbered house, of no great size, having the older part much rebuilt and added to. Internally it has been sadly cut up and altered. Formerly the inmates entered a spacious hall-place, which ran sheer up to the height of the roof. The upper portion of this hall has long since been converted into chambers.*

Kirkton Manor is still called by that name. It appears to have come into possession of the Strattons through the marriage of Isabell, daughter and heir of Sir William Loudham, with one of the early Strattons of Levington. The eldest son of this marriage, Walter de Stratton, died seized of the Manor in 1392. He was the immediate progenitor of the Strattons of Shotley, who held the Manor until about 1627, when it was sold by Ann Stratton, relict of John of Shotley and Ardleigh, and John her eldest son.†

* This property passed out of the hands of the Stratton family about 1630, having been sold by John Stratton, Jr., and his mother Ann Stratton when they were making preparations for coming to America. The present owner is Mr. Berners of Woolverstone, who kindly sent the compiler the picture of Shotley Hall.

† From Davy's *Suffolk Collections:*

Walter de Stratton conc' Dno Hen' Despenser Epo Norwic' & al' xiij marc' argent' ann' redd' precipiend' annuat' ad totam vitam Isabella fil' Willi de Loudham chr Sce Monial' Domus Sce Katerine in Flixton de Mnio suo de Kirkton juxta Erwarton & de oibz ten' & terr' suis in villis de Cockefeld Alpheton & Shimplinge que nup' fuer' Jo de Shimplingford. (Harl. MSS. 1176.)

MANOR OF KIRKTON alias SHOTLEY

Sir William de Loudham Knt died 50 E. 3, 1376.

Walter de Stratton his heir died 1392.

Augustine Stratton held what was late Wm. de Loudham, 1428.



THE ANCIENT STRATTON HALL, OR KIRKTON MANOR

Original seat of the Suffolk Strattons and occupied by them in the time of Edward III. (*Page* 48.)

From a photograph taken for the compiler in 1906.



SHOTLEY, OR KIRKTON HALL

Parental home of Joseph Stratton [1] of James City, Va., and John Stratton [1] of Salem, Mass. (*Page* 48, *also chart* 1.)

In his will, dated 15 April, 1596, Thomas Stratton of Shotley speaks of John Morgan of Ipswich, gentleman, as "my cousin," and devises to him in trust all his lands—excepting only those forming the jointure of Dorothy his wife—until John Stratton, his son and heir, then a minor, should attain the age of one and twenty years. (See *Will of Thomas Stratton.*)

John Morgan lived in the parish of St. Clement's, Ipswich—a parish from very early times the resort of all the better class of seafaring men of this busy and enterprising seaport. Under the shadow of St. Clement's dwelt the "mariners," the "master mariners," and the shipwrights of Ipswich—men who built their own ships and sailed them into every part of the commercial world.

It was into contact with such men as these—some of them seasoned sailors who had many a time made the voyage into those mysterious "parts beyond the seas" of which the landsman dreamed, others of them lads like themselves, sweating out the days of their apprenticehood at capstan and halliards—that the young Strattons were brought, and probably almost daily. From the windows of the old Hall at Shotley one could watch their ships come and go. From Shotley Gate one could board them, with the aid of a boat, what time they came crawling into Orwell Haven, weather worn and heavy from some distant voyage, yet redolent withal of their rich cargoes of East Indian spices or Virginia "leaf." The house at Dedham where Thomas Stratton died was a matter of only an hour's hard rowing down the winding reaches of the Stour; the house of Ardleigh, where John Stratton ended his days, rather less.

In this way we can imagine the glamour of the sea, and of those marvellous lands which lay beyond it, laying its spell upon the young Squires of Shotley. Other influences were at work there, too. It was at Trimley St. Mary, just across the Orwell rom Shotley, that Thomas Cavendish, the circumnavigator, was born;

Edmund Stratton died 17 E. 4, 1477 (sic)
Augustine Stratton clk. son and heir 1477 (Brothers. See will of Edmund.)
George Stratton died 14 Hen. 7. (Brothers. See will of Edmund.)
George Stratton son and heir died 14 Hen. 7., 1498
John Stratton gent son and heir died 2 Eliz. 1560
Thomas Stratton gent son and heir died 29 Eliz. (sic)
John Stratton son and heir (died 1627).

from Ipswich Old Quay that he sailed away, whilst Joseph Stratton was yet a boy, on that ill-fated voyage from which he never returned. Not so far away lay also the village of Grundisburgh, the birthplace of the first Englishman—Captain Bartholomew Gosnold—to make the direct voyage to New England, and to winter upon its shores. Gosnold had brought back with him a new tuber, called "patatoe," and there was much speculation as to whether it would grow in English soil and prove suitable food for English people. And last, but by no means least, there was the unprecedented action of the staid old Council and Portmen of Ipswich Town, who, at a recent Great Court holden in Moothall —4 March, 8 James I.—had actually "adventured" the sum of One Hundred Pounds, out of the town moneys, "in the voyage into Virginia."

Out from under such influences came Joseph Stratton to Virginia and John Stratton to New England, in 1628.

A more extensive research would probably show that other Strattons came to America from the same locality—and possibly from the Shotley line.

WILLS AND INQUISITIONS FROM ORIGINAL SOURCES

WILL of EDMOND STRATTON—1474. (Ipswich Wills—Book II, fo. 266)

In The Name of God Amen I Edmond Stratton of Shortle skwyer the last day of September 1474 being in my good mende make my testament and my last will in this wyse ffirst I be owethe my Sowle to Almyghty god and to our lady Seynte Mary and myn body to be beryed in the cherche of Shotle Also I be qwethe to a wyndowe on the northe syde of ye chappell of Seynte Anne in the chirce of Shotle xxvjs. viijd. I will yt George my sone have the maner of Levyngton with all the londys and pertenawnce longyng to ye seyd maner duryng his lyve And aftr the disses of the seyd George I will that myn feffis make a sufficient state in tayle to myn heyrys made with oute ende And for defaute of eyrys male unto the eyrys generall Also I will that John Chapman make a state in the maner of Thorkalton to such men as Margete my wyff and Austyn Stratton clerk my sone wil name to the pfyte of the seyd Margete duryng hir lyff Also I will

that the seyd Margete and hr attorne have onte of the seyd man of Thorkylton x marke vj yere aftr hir disses for to paye myn dettys And also I wil that after the disses of ye seyd Margete myn wyff that Awstyn Stratton clerk myn sone have the seyd maner of Thorklyton duryng hys lyff And aftr the disses of the seyd Margete and Awstyn I wyll yt ye ffeffes make a sufficient estate in tayle to George Stratton and to the eyris male of his body lawfully begetyn And for defaute of eyris male of the seyd George to John Stratton and to the eyris male of his body lawfully begetyn and so foorthe for defaute of issu male to his nexte brother and his issu male and so forthe from on brother to a nothir to thir issu male as long as ony brother is on lyve And for lak of soche issu male to ye eyrys generall Also I wyll yt ye hangyng of ye great chambir jj greet spets a greet braspott ij awndernys and ij tramaylys remayne to the place Also I beqwethe all the remnawnt of ye stuff of myn howse to Margete myn wyff Also I be qwethe the residue of all myn goodys be for not beqwethyn to Margaret myn wyff whom I ordeyne and make myn executrix.

SUFFOLK INQUISITION taken at Ipswich co. Suffolk 13 October 17 Ed. 4 (1477) before John Penley the King's Escheator in said county by virtue of a write dated 25 October 17 Ed. 4, by the oaths of Thomas Bennys Thomas Alwyn Henry Thorne Thomas Cook Richard Punt Geoffrey Taylour John Belle Thomas Craske John Whytyng John Stolyard John Whyte Richard Beden and John Pyt who say:

That Edmund Stratton did not hold any lands or tenements of the King in capite on the day he died for that before his death by charter dated at Kyrketon 13 August 14 Ed. 4. he did grant and confirm unto Robert Brewes Esz John Cheke Bennet Caldwell John Pope clk. Richard Faryngton clk. and Thomas Vecatour of London all that the Manor of Kyrketon with all the lands tenements rents and services thereto belonging and all other the lands called Le Perye as they lie in the towns of Kyrketon Shotley Erwarton and Chelmondeston co. Suffolk to have and to hold to the aforesaid Robert John etc. etc. and their heirs and assigns for ever BY virtue of which gift and confirmation the said Robert John etc. etc. were thereof seised in their demesne as of fee; That

the said Manor is worth per annum in all issues 10 marks; That it is holden of Cecily Duchess of York as of her Honor of Clare by the service of a fourth part of one Knight's fee; That the said Edmund Stratton died 11 October 16 Ed. 4 (1476): That Augustine Stratton clerk is son and next heir of said Edmund and of the age of 40 years; and that Margaret Stratton late wife of said Edmund hath occupied the aforesaid premises from the said 1th day of October until the taking of this Inquisition and hath taken the profits thereof and is of the said premises seised in her demense as of free tenure by virtue of the aforesaid charter.

Chancery Inquisitons Post Mortem 17 *Ed.* 4.

SUFFOLK INQUISITION taken at Blythborough co. Suffolk 28 October 14 Henry VII. (1498) before Philip Tylney Esq. the King's Escheator in said county.

The Jurors say on oath that before the taking of this Inquisition Robert Brews Esq. John Cheke and Benedict Caldwell were seized in their demesne as of fee of and in the Manor of Kirton and being thereof so seized did by charter give that Manor to Thomas Sampson Esq. William Grys William Grye Edmund Bokkyng and John Caldwell to have and to hold to them and their assigns for the term of the life of Elizabeth Stratton late wife of George Stratton with remainder thereof after the death of the said Elizabeth to the aforesaid George Stratton and the heirs males of his body lawfully begotten BY virtue of which gift the same Thomas Sampson and his feoffees aforesaid were thereof seized in their demesne as of freehold Which Manor is worth per annum ten pounds and is holden of Philip Calthorp Knt. as of his Manor of Erwarton by fealty but by what other services the Jurors know not.

The Jurors also say that before the taking of this Inquisition the said George Stratton was seised in his demesne as of fee of and in the Manor of Thurkolton and being thereof so seised did give that Manor unto Edward Sulyard John Sulyard John Caldwell Peter Tybell clk. and William Pixsoner to hold to the use of the said George and his heirs and assigns for ever And afterwards the said George died and by his last will (to the said Jurors in evidence produced) did will that his executor should take the issues and

profits of the said Manor for the term of 15 years for the fulfilling of his said will and that, the said term ended, the said Manor should remain to George Stratton his eldest son and to his heirs males for ever That the said George Stratton (the father) died on Friday next after the Feast of Pentecost 13 Henry VII (1498); that George Stratton is his son and heir and of the age of 8 years; and that the said George Stratton held no other lands in county Suffolk the day he died.

Exch: Inquis: P. M. file 610, *No.* 6.

WILL of GEORGE STRATTON of Kirketon alias Shotleye co. Suffolk gentilman dated 24 August 1 Edward VI. (1547.) Abstract. (*P. C. C. Populwell* 9.)

To be buried within the church of Shotley. John Stratton my son and his heirs males all my lands in Kirkton alias Shotley and other towns adjoining except a tenement at the church gate of Shotley sometime Richard Strangman's which I do give unto Elizabeth Hawys my sister. Anthony Stratton my son £20. Robert Stratton my son £20 to be paid in the year 1550. Margaret Stratton my daughter £30 to be paid in the year 1552. Philip Stratton my son £20 to be paid in the year 1554. John Stratton my son to pay all these sums. Agnes Sakes £3. Katherine Harman my daughter ij mylch kyen. Elizabeth Hewes aa fetherbedd. William my servant. I will that John my son perform all such covenants as are between me and John Southwell and Ciselye Sampson widow. I will that John my son shall have all my cattalls plate corn etc. together with such sums as be due to me from John Southwell; he putting in bonds to my executor for the payment of my debts funeral charges etc. I will have bestowed at my buryall such charges with dedes of charitie as shall be thought necessarie; and an honest herce with myn armys so that it be done without pompe or pride. I will have a grave stone with myn armys uppon it. Executor Robert Caldwell. My cosin Thomas Yaxleye to be an helper to myn executor. My son John shall not demand any gift that I have given and not rehersyd herein. I give to Thomas Bayman for his paynes to come to Shotleye to see the bondys layed and delivered by my son John vs. Witnesses: John Stratton, Thomas Yaxley, John Davers, Francis Harman. Codicil (undated): If John my son do refuse to perform my will then

my executor and such as I do put in trust shall enjoy the profits of my Manor of Kirketon for four years towards the performance of this my will. Witnesses: Thomas Yaxleye, William Richards, John Stratton, John Davers. 13 June 1548 Robert Caldwell the executor renounced and commission issued to John Stratton the son to administer.

WILL of JOHN STRATTON of Kyrketon alias Shotlie co. Suffolk gentellmanne, dated 8 December 1559. (*C. C. Norwich.*)

I leave my bodye to be buryede in the Churche of Kyketon neyghe unto the Sepulture of my father. Mary and Elizabeth my daughters and their heirs my tenements called Gulles and Mondes in Kyrketon sometyme James Biscoo's with the lands to them belonging as contained in a deed of feoffment to me made by John Barlye deceased. Robert, Richard, Cicelie and Elizabeth children of my brother in law Francis Harman £3-6s-8d. each at 21 out of my Manor lands. Philip Stratton my brother xx marks. Margaret Stratton my sister £30 at marriage. Anthony Stratton my brother "if he be on live," £3-6-8; but if he be departed from this life, then to his wife 26s. 8d. Cycelie Forgonn my god daughter 13s. 4d. Executrix, Cicelie my wife. Supervisor, Richard Cornwalyes Esq, to whom for his paynes a graye mare of iij yeres olde. Ann Bingelowe widow of London 26s. 8d.
Proved 16 June 1561 by the executrix.

SUFF. INQUISITION taken at Bury in the county aforesaid the 23rd day of September [sic], 2 Eliz. post mortem John Stratton Esq.:—

The Jurors say on oath that George Stratton father of the said John Stratton was seised in his demesne as of fee of and in the Manors of Thurkelton and Kyrkton 260 acres of land 30 acres of meadow 100 acres of pasture 100 acres of marsh and 12s. rent with appurtenances in Thurkelton Kyrkton Shotley Arwarton and Chemyngton in the aforesaid county and of and in one cottage called Mimes one other cottage called Strangmans and another cottage late James Bastowes and being so seised did by Indenture dated 24 August 25 Henry 8. made between one Cicily Sampson then relict of Nicholas Sampson Esq deceased and before relict of

Thomas Felton Esq. deceased and one John Southwell gent executor of the last will of the said Thomas Felton on the one part and the aforesaid George and the said John Stratton then son and heir apparent of the said George on the other part covenant with the said Cicily Sampson and John Southwell in consideration of a marriage between the said John Stratton and Cicily Felton one of the daughters of the said Thomas Felton to be celebrated and solemnized that the said George should recognize by Fine in the Court of King's Bench at Westminster the said Manor of Thurkelton to be the right of one Humphrey Wingfield Knt as that which the said Humphrey Thomas Seckford Esq. John Fletewood George Christmas John Southwell and John Soone gents had of the gift of the said George and that said Humphrey Thomas John etc. and their heirs after the said Fine suffered should stand seised of and in the said Manor to the sole use and behoof of the said John Stratton and Cicily Felton and of the heirs males of the said John of the body of the said Cicily lawfully begotten and for default of such to the use of the said John and the heirs males of his body and for default of such to the use of Anthony Stratton another son of said George Stratton and their heirs males of said Anthony and for default of such to the use of Robert Stratton another son of said George and the heirs males of said Robert and for default of such to the use of Philip Stratton another son of said Goerge and the heirs males of said Philip and for default of such to the right heirs of said George for ever and the said George Stratton by the said Indenture did further covenant with the said Cicily Sampson and John Southwell that within three years next following the date of said Indenture he the said George should make a good and sufficient estate in fee simple of and in the said Manor of Kyrkton [sic] and of and in divers lands to the said Manor belonging and of and in all other the lands of the said George except the three cottages aforesaid unto the aforesaid feoffees and unto Francis Harman and John Stevens alias Frelove to have and to hold to the said feoffees and their heirs to the sole use and behoof of the said George and of so much of them as he the said George should assign for the term of their lives to such wife or wives as he should marry and if it happened the said George not to marry them after the decease of the said George to the sole use of the executors of the said George for the performance of his last will

during four years next following his decease and after the said four years ended to the sole use and behoof of the said John Stratton and his heirs males of the body of the said Cicily Felton lawfully begotten with contingent remainders as before limited and expressed in default of such issue And the Jurors say that the said John Stratton afterwards took to wife the said Cicily Felton and that the said Fine was suffered in the said Court in the 25th year of King Henry the Eighth By virtue of which Fine the said John Stratton and Cicily his wife were seised of the said Manor of Thurkelton in their demesne viz. the said John as of fee tail and the said Cicily as of freehold with remainders as in the said Indenture expressed and limited And of the said Manor of Kyrkton and all other the lands and tenements which the said George Stratton had in co. Suffolk except those excepted And afterwards the said George Stratton died and the said John outlived him and was seised of the said Manor of Kyrton and of all other the premises above recited in his demesne as of fee tail and of and in the said cottages in his demesne as fee and being so seised did die the 16th day of December [sic] 2 Eliz. And Cicily wife of the said John outlived him and is now living at Shotley aforesaid And the said Manor of Thurkelton at the time of the death of said John was holden of Thomas Felton Esq. as of his Manor of Shotley and is of the clear annual value of £13 And the said Manor of Kyrkton was then holden of the Queen as of her Honor of Clare by knight service viz. by the quarter part of one knight's fee for all services and is of the clear annual value of £10 And the said cottages are holden as parcel of the Manor of Kyrkton and are of the annual value of 20s. And that Thomas Stratton is son and heir of the said John Stratton and was of the age of 14 years at the time of his father's death.

Wards and Liveries, Vol. S–N. 117.

WILL of THOMAS STRATTON of Karketon alias Shotley co. Suffolk gent now lyving in Dedham co. Essex dated 15 April 1596. *Abstract.* (*P. C. C. Drake* 84.)

Dorothy my wife shall during her life enjoy these demense lands parcell of my Manor of Kyrketon alreaddie assured for her jointure (all which lands are situate in Shotley and towns adjoining) and shall vertuouslie carefullie and motherlie bring up my



LEVINGTON CHURCH

Built in the 10th century (*Domesday*). Burial place of Walter de Stratton in 1392. From a Davy Etching.

(*Chart 1. Page 48.*)

children in good educacon. To her I give likewise all my household stuff in my house in Dedham where I now remayne together with a silver pott that was her father's. My farm or Manor of Thurkoulton alias Shurkelton and all my lands in the tenure of Thomas Crickman and Robert Runting in Shotley and certain lands in the occupation of John Sparke (which I had of Sir Philip Parker Knt in Shotley) I give unto John Morgan of St. Clements in Ipswich gent until John my son and heir shall accomplish his age of one and twenty years the said John Morgan in the meantime performing this my will with the issues and profits thereof. If my wife decease before my son John accomplish his said age then I will all the lands unto her devised to John Morgan until my said son attain his full age. Benjamin my son a life annuity of £10 out of the said lands after my son John shall enjoy them. Mary my (eldest) daughter £50 at marriage and £5 yearly until that time. Elizabeth my daughter £50 at one and twenty. Sarah Beriff my daughter's child £30 at 21. My son Joseph £100 at 21 and £5 yearly after his age of 14 years for his maintenance.* Sarah Beriff my daughter. My sister Elizabeth Hankyn 20s. to buy her a ring; also £10. Roger, Thomas, and John Tankyn children of my said daughter 40s. apiece at 21. My servants Elizabeth Squire and Katherine Sallowes. Poor of Shotley £5; poor of Dedham 20s. Executors, my wife Dorothie and John Morgan. The rest of my lands and tenements in co. Suffolk, I will to John Morgan until my eldest son attain his full age. To my cosyn John Morgan £10 and the pasturing of two geldings in certain marshes before to him devised. My cosyn John Collett a black coulte now going upon Dedham Heathe. Ann Morgan my cosyn John Morgan's wife 20s. to buy her a ring as a gentle token of my remembrance. Mr Doctor Chapman 40s. Thomas Bate my servant the end of the house wherein he now dwelleth during his life.

Witnesses:

John Cullet, William Debnam

Proved 4 November 1596 by Thomas Ashwood proctor for John Morgan the executor, power being reserved to Dorothie the relict.

* This is the Joseph Stratton who came to James City, Va., in 1628 and was member of the House of Burgesses the following year.

SUFFOLK INQUISITION Taken at Stowmarket co. Suffolk 19 January 39 Elizabeth before John Battysforde Esqr. the King's Escheator for said county post mortem Thomas Stratton gent:

The Jurors find that Thomas Stratton was on the 18th of August 15 Eliz. seised in his demesne as of fee of and in the Manor of Kyrketon alias Shotley in co. Suffolk and being thereof so seised did by Indenture bearing date the same 18 August 15 Eliz. for the jointure of Dorothy then his wife enfeoff John Nicolls of Laxfield co. Suffolk gent John Dameron of Westerfield co. Suffolk gent and Robert Felton of Grundisburgh co. Suffolk get of and in the said Manor and of and in all the lands etc. thereto belonging lying in Kirkton alias Shotley Chelmondeston and Arwarton to have and to hold to the said feoffees to the sole use and behoof of the said Thomas Stratton and Dorothy his wife and to the heirs males of the said Thomas of the body of the said Dorothy lawfully begotten and in default of such to the sole use and behoof of the right heirs of the said Thomas for ever By virtue of which enfeoffment the said Thomas and Dorothy were seised of and in the whole site of the said Manor viz. Thomas in his demesne as of fee tail and Dorothy for the term of her life And the said Thomas was seised of and in the residue of the said Manor to him and his heirs for ever.

The Jurors further say that the said Thomas Stratton was at death likewise seised in his demesne as of fee of and in the Manor of Thurkolton alias Shurkolton in co. Suffolk and of and in one close of land containing 3 acres late purchased of Philip Parker Knt; that the said Thomas before he died did make his last will in writing and did thereby devise his said Manor of Thurkolton with all other his lands in co. Suffolk unto one John Morgan in trust until John son of the said Thomas should be 21 years of age; that said Thomas died the 29th day of May last past at Dedham in co. Suffolk [sic]; that John Stratton is his son and next heir and of the age of 15 years and 99 days at the taking of this Inquisition; that Dorothy late wife of the said Thomas is now alive viz. at Stownmarket.

Chancery Inquisitions Post Mortem, Vol. 250, *No.* 24.

WILL of JOHN STRATTON of Shotley co. Suffolk gent dated 24 September 1621. *Abstract.* (*P. C. C. Skynner* 52.)

Poor of Shotley £3. I give out of my Manor of Thurcalton alias Surcalton in Shotley now in the occupation of Thomas Cample unto Ann my wife £50 yearly for life; the remainder of the rents of the said Manor to go to my executors towards the bringing up of my children. I give to my son John * at his age of one and twenty the remainder of such rents as shall be due out of my said Manor during the life of Ann his mother; and after her decease I will all my said Manor unto my son John and his heirs for ever, and in default to my next heir at law. My Manor at Kirton Hall where I do now dwell with the lands thereto pertaining and now in the occupation of me the said John Stratton, Richard Throward, Christopher Wilton, and John Wilton I will shall be sold by my executors for the performance of this my will. William and Athony my sons £100 each at 21. My eldest daughter Ann £100 at 18. Elizabeth, Marie, and Dorothie my daughters £100 each at 18.† Residuary legatees my executors. Benjamin Stratton my brother £6-13-8. Joseph my brother 40s. to buy him a ring. My kinswman Marie Harrison 20s. Executors Ann my wie and John my son. Supervisor Mr. Robert Clench of Holbrooke co. Suffolk Esq.

Witnesses:

John Havell ser., John Wilton

Proved 19 May 1627 by Ann Stratton the relict and John Stratton the son executors.

John Stratton the testator died at Ardleigh in Essex—the parish adjoining Dedham—and was buried at Shotley. John his son must have been of age on or before 19 May, 1627, else he could not have obtained probate of the will. Careful search was made in the Close Rolls, at the Public Record Office, London, for the Indenture of sale of the Manor of Kirkton, but without success. Failure to discover it is probably due to the fact that the indentures there enrolled are calendared Under The Names of Grantees Only. In this case the names of the Grantors only are known."

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* This John Stratton, Jr., came to America and settled at Salem, Mass.

† The daughters, Elizabeth and Dorothy, came to Salem, with their mother, Ann Stratton, widow.

LAND GRANTS

Grant of land on the coast of Maine to John Stratton of Shotley. By the Plymouth Council, December 1, 1631.

A Graunt passed to John Stratton of Shatley [sic] in the County of Suffolke gent and his Associates of Two Thousand Acres of Land butting upon the South Side of the River or Creeke called Cape Porpus and on the other side Northwarde of the said River extending or to be extended from the said Rivers Mouth of the said Cape with all other Profitts or Commodities whatsoever there specified paying to the King one fifth part of all the Gold and Silver Oare and another fifth part to the President and Councill and paying more to the said President and Councill for every Hundred Acres of Land in use two shillings to the Rent Gatherer as by the same Graunte may appeare.

State Colonial Papers, 1574–1631. P. R. Office, London.

Warwick House, 2 December 1631. There was a Pattent agreed upon for John Stratton for a proporcon of Land containing 2000 acres * * * with all Comodityes & Privileges proper for his necessary occasions as by his said graunt more at large appeareth.

The Consideration for and in respect that he had lived in New England these three yaeres last past and had expended 1000 li. in transporting of cattle and maintaining of servaunts in their Imployment and for that he now purposeth to transport more cattle and to settle a plantecon there according to his grant and for that he is to pay the one fifth part of ye Gold and Silver Ore three to be found to the Kings Maty and one other 5th part to the President and Councell and also is to pay ijs. for every Hundred Acres of Land in use by the yeare when it shall be demanded by the Rate Gatherer and not to Alien the same without consent first had and obtained which said Pattents were signed by the Lord Gorges and Sr Ferdinando Gorges and ready to pass ye Seale and afterwards were left with Mr. Walter Williams to be dispatcht by the Earle of Warwicx president.

State Colonial Papers, 1631–1633. P. R. Office, London.

In the same month, December, 1631, John Stratton left England to take possession of this grant on the coast of Maine. For further records of him see "John Stratton of Salem" in this volume.



A Street in Shrivenham Village
(*Pages* 61 and 98)



Interior of Shrivenham Church
(*Page* 64)

ENGLAND—THE SHRIVENHAM LINE

Shrivenham is a parish of Berkshire, about seventy miles west of London. The picturesque old village of Shrivenham, with its thatched houses, some of them more than four centuries old, is situated near a remnant of an old Roman road.

How early the Strattons were in Shrivenham has not been learned. It is quite probable that one of the origins of the name was in this region. The earliest Stratton will of Berkshire in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury was probated 1593 (31 Nevill). Earlier wills might be found in other courts. Mention is made, on the Hundred Rolls, of Strattons in Northhampton and Oxford, just north of Berkshire, in the time of Edward I. A more extended research than the compiler has been able to make would doubtless reveal much of interest and might trace the line back to the origin of the name.

From Burke's "Landed Gentry" we find that Thomas Stratton was buried in the churchyard at Shrivenham in April, 1587. His wife, Joan, died seven years earlier. They had a son Thomas, whose eldest son married Anne Locke (an aunt of John Locke the philosopher), and from them is descended John Locke Stratton of Turweston House, Buckinghamshire, and George Stratton, Barrister-at-law, and M. P. for Leicester and Northampton.

William Stratton died in Shrivenham in 1604. In his will he calls himself an "aged man," from which we infer he was born in the first half of the sixteenth century. As he named one of his daughters, Joan, and speaks of his cousin Thomas Stratton, it seems very probable that he was a son of Thomas and Joan Stratton of Burke's "Landed Gentry."

He is the ancestor of many Strattons in America to-day. (See the following genealogical outline.)

The churchyard in which William Stratton and his wife were buried (see his will, page 64) contains many old stones from which centuries of time have entirely effaced the inscriptions. The old church, built before 1500, in which services are still held every Sabbath, was the place of worship for at least twelve generations of Strattons.

GENEALOGICAL TABLE

I. William Stratton.
Died in Shrivenham, Eng.
Will dated September 16, 1601, probated May 12, 1604.

II. 1. Joan, m. James Saunders.
II. 2. Christian, m. ——— Cox.
II. 3. John, of Shrivenham.
Executor of his father's will in 1604–5.

III. 1. William, son of John, b. 1585.
Lived in London from 1606 to 1636.
Removed to Tenterden, County Kent, where he died in 1647.
m. 1st, Elizabeth———.
m. 2d, Margaret———, after 1632.

1. Sarah, b. 1613; m. Isaac Pickering.
2. John, b. 1614; d. in infancy.
3. Rebecca, b. 1615; d. 1620.
4. William, bapt. March 6, 1618; d. 1645.
m. 1st, Sarah Wyatt, December 27, 1742.
2d, Susana ———, 1647–8.
3d, Anne Waldegrave, 1663.
Lived and died in Tenterden.
a. William, b. 1643; d. 1646.
b. Esther, b. 1648.
m. Benjamin Horner, 1673.
c. *James, bapt. November 26, 1650,
Received degrees B. A., M. A. and D. D. from Cambridge, 1670–82. Adm. his father's estate in 1675, and his brother William's estate in 1686.
d. Luke, b. 1652; d. in infancy.
e. Elizabeth, b. 1653.
f. William, b. 1655.
d. in London, 1685, a bachelor.
g. Samuel, bapt. November 17, 1656.
A merchant on Lime St., London, where he died in 1893. His will gives one-half of estate to

* Nothing more is known of him. He may have come to America.

wife Hannah and one-half to children (not named).*

h. Susana, b. 1658; d. 1660.

i. Rebecca, b. 1659; d. 1661.

j. Stephen, b. 1660; d. 1684, unmarried; buried in Tenterden.

5. Richard, bapt. November 30, 1619.
   See Strattons of Long Island.

6. John, bapt. August 14, 1621.
   See Strattons of Long Island.

7. *Joseph, bapt. March 10, 1624–5.
   Legatee under father's will, 1647.
   Perhaps m. Anne Kerbey in London, 1648.

8. Benjamin, bapt. March 10, 1624.
   m. ———.
   Died in London, 1662. No issue.

9. Bartholomew, bapt. January 12, 1627–8.
   Settled in Boston, Mass., about 1658.

10. Elizabeth, b. 1631.
    m. Thomas Couch.

11. Samuel, bapt. July 23, 1633.
    m. Rebecca, daughter of William Graves.
    a. William, "only child."
    Will made February 6, 1690. Left all to his mother, then a widow.

12. Caleb, bapt. June 10, 1631.
    Settled in Boston, Mass., about 1660.

13. Mary, b. 1637; d. 1638.

14. *Thomas, bapt. February 10, 1638–9.
    Legatee under father's will, 1647.

15. Nathaniel, bapt. March 5, 1642–3.
    m. Elizabeth ———.
    d. 1693, a citizen of London.
    a. Mary, m. William Ayers before 1693.
    b. Nathaniel, named in father's will, 1693.†
    c. Elizabeth, named in father's will, 1693.

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* Colonel Chester found no later record of these sons in England. They may have settled in America.

† A Nathaniel Stratton m. Mary Eldridge in Tenterden, April 6, 1727.

The following is a full abstract of William Stratton's will, dated 16 September, 1601:

"To be buried in Shrivenham Churchyard, near my wife; to the poor of Shrivenham eight pounds; to my poor sister, Agnes, five shillings per annum for her life; to Zachary Lidyard and his wife, my kins-woman, and their children three pounds; to the children of my son-in-law, James Saunders, viz. John, Richard Thomas, Nicholas and Jane, twenty pounds among them; to Christian, my daughter, sixty pounds, but if she die unmarried, this to go to the children of said James Saunders and my daughter Joan, his wife; to Margaret and Agnes Coxe, children of my daughter, Agnes, long since deceased, each twenty shillings when sixteen years old; to William, son of my son, John Stratton, four pounds; all residue of my estate to said John, my son, and he to be my executor. Overseers of my will my cousin, Thomas Stratton and my son-in-law, James Saunders."

The executor, John Stratton, proved the will in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury 12th of May, 1604. To obtain the relative value of these legacies, then and now, they must be multiplied by at least ten. This gives a value of about $5,000, besides the "residue"—which was probably by far the greater part of his estate—left to his son John. Nothing more has been learned about this John Stratton. It is quite probable that he had other children besides the William mentioned in his father's will. His own will has not been found.*

William Stratton, son of above John, was apprenticed in London in 1599, then aged fourteen years.† In the records of his

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This is the only Stratton entry on the Tenterden registers not included above.

* A thorough search of the Registers of Shrivenham Parish would doubtless give much additional data, and might account for other Stratton emigrants to the American colonies. There were Strattons living in Shrivenham until a few years ago, when the last of the family there died, a very old lady.

† "Serving a seven years' apprenticeship in London and thus securing the freedom of the city carried with it many advantages. For such an apprenticeship a considerable premium was required. Only the well-to-do persons of the humbler classes could afford so to place their sons,—and even the gentry were often glad to avail themselves of placing their younger sons in the way of maintaining themselves in one of the various branches of business in London."—*Col. Chester for Mr. S. V. Stratton.*



TENTERDEN CHURCH

Burial place of William Stratton (1585–1647), ancestor of many American Strattons. (*Pages* 63–65.)

company he is described as "son of John Stratton of Shrivenham."

At the end of his seven years' apprenticeship, at the age of twenty-one, he became a free citizen of London, where he resided for twenty-five years, in the parish of St. Leonard, in Eastcheap, at that time in the heart of the old city. He married Elizabeth ——— about 1612, and the records of the baptisms of their children are found in the parish register. In 1635 Elizabeth died, and was buried at St. Leonard's, June 12. Soon after the death of his wife, William Stratton gave up his business in London and retired to Tenterden, in the county of Kent. He married, second, Margaret ——— (a widow with two daughters), who became the mother of his three younger children, born in Tenterden. He made his will May 31, 1647, and died within the year. In this will he describes himself as "jurat," and is so described in the parish register at Tenterden.*

His will is in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury; following is a full abstract of it:

"My executor to pay to my wife Margaret, 1,045 pounds, as agreed upon before our marriage; to my daughter, Elizabeth, 140 pounds, at her marriage, or when twenty years of age, and a trunk of linen appointed by her mother; to my sons John, Thomas and Nathaniel, each 120 pounds, when 23 years of age; to Caleb, my son, 110 pounds when 23; to Joseph, Benjamin and Samuel, my sons, each 100 pounds, when 23; to Bartholomew, my son, 90 pounds when 23; to my daughter, Sarah Pickering, 10 pounds for her children; to my wife's daughters, Rose and Margaret, each 10 shillings. All the rest of my estate to William, my son, and he to be my executor."

It will be seen that his bequests to his wife and younger children amount to a little more than £2,000. Colonel Chester thinks it only reasonable to presume that the portion given his eldest son was as much more. Multiplying by ten to give the equivalent at the present day, makes £40,000, or $200,000. "It is clear enough that he was one of the solid and substantial middle-class men of

* "The word jurat is equivalent to alderman, or rather alderman and common councilman combined. It is an evidence of the social standing of William Stratton in his new home that his fellow-townsmen elected him one of their chief rulers."—*Col. Chester.*

his day, a result obtained, no doubt, during his business career of a quarter of a century in London." *

Of the sons of William Stratton of Tenterden, who settled in America,—Bartholomew and Caleb in Boston, and Richard and John on Long Island,—three, at least, have descendants living here to-day.† Richard, it will be noticed, is the only son not named in his father's will in 1647. He was twenty-three years of age in 1642,—the age at which the other sons were to receive their portions of the father's estate. He had probably been given his portion and emigrated from Tenterden to America, settling on Long Island, where we find him in 1643; and where his brother John followed a few years later. (See *Early Strattons of Long Island* and *Early Strattons of Boston.*)

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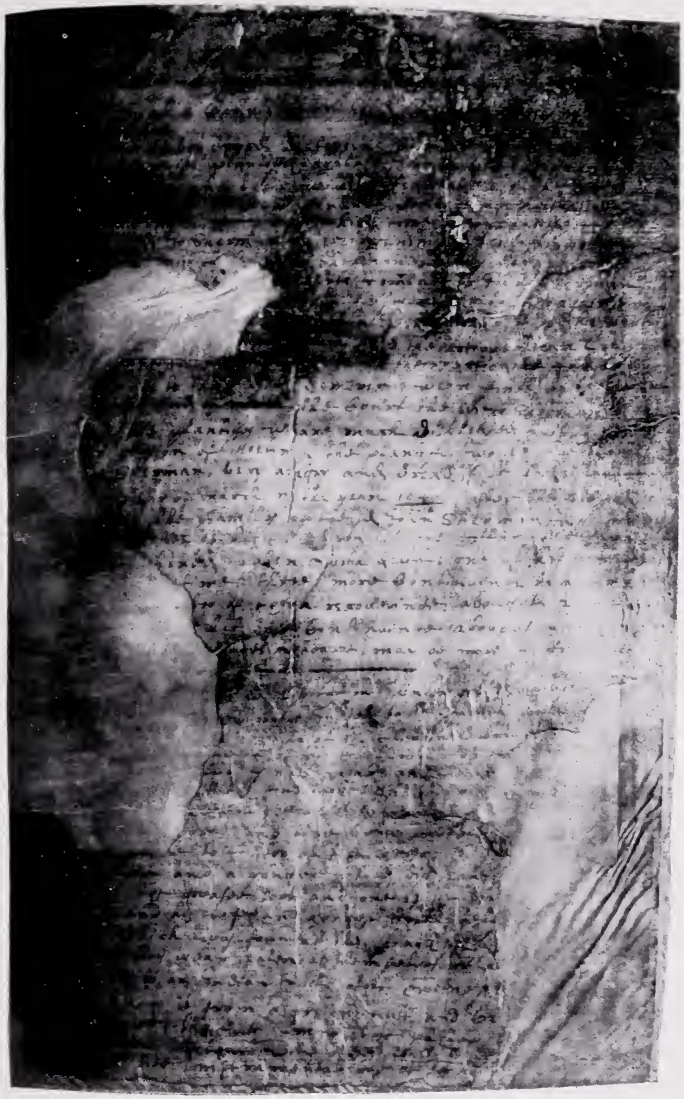
* Nearly all the data here given on this branch of the Strattons was kindly furnished the compiler by Mr. S. V. Stratton of Mississippi, and was obtained for him in London by the late Col. Joseph Lemuel Chester, the well known American antiquarian.

† While there is no *actual proof* that Richard and John Stratton of Tenterden and Richard and John Stratton of Long Island are the same, Colonel Chester, after a most exhaustive and thoughtful research felt fully convinced that such was the case, and the compiler has found no reason to doubt it. After giving several pages of data which led him to this conclusion Colonel Chester adds, "while admitting that this evidence might not be sufficient to contest an estate at law, I submit that morally it is of the strongest character."

PART II

STRATTONS IN AMERICA

"Attempt the end and never stand in doubt;
Nothing's so hard but search will find it out." HERRICK.



This facsimile of an old document in Boston Courthouse, from which was deciphered material concerning Samuel and Alice Stratton (*see pages* 153, 157) serves to show the difficulties encountered in a search for genealogical and historical truths. Photographed for this volume.

COLONIAL STRATTONS

" 'Tis as easy to be heroes as to sit the idle slaves
Of a legendary virtue carved upon our fathers' graves." LOWELL.

THE first STRATTONS of whom any mention has been found in colonial records came to America in 1628,—just twenty-one years after the settlement at Jamestown.

In this year, Joseph Stratton of Harwich, Eng., came to James City, Va., and his nephew, John Stratton of Shotley, came to New England.

Before another twenty-one years had passed several more than the traditional "three brothers" had crossed the Atlantic and settled in the New World,—while others still had visited our shores but left no evidence of having settled here.

Before Colonial days were ended the descendants of these early Strattons were numerous and widely scattered. On the Revolutionary War Records we find no less than one hundred and twelve names of Strattons who took part in the struggle for American Independence,—the name being found on the Revolutionary Rolls in nine of the thirteen original States.

The following outline shows the Colonial Strattons who are known to be emigrants, and others not yet (1907) traced to any earlier American ancestor,—with place of settlement, and date of first mention so far found in Colonial records:

English ancestry fully established.	Descendants not traced	Joseph Stratton, James City, Va.	1628	Uncle & nephew	Known to be emigrants.
		John Stratton, Scarboro, Me.	1628		
		Bartholomew Stratton, Boston	1658	Brothers	
		Caleb Stratton, "	1660		
English ancestry probably established.		Richard Stratton, Long Island	1643	Brothers	
		John Stratton, " "	1649		
		Thomas Stratton, Eastern Shore, Va.	1632		
		Samuel Stratton, Watertown, Mass.	1647		
English ancestry not yet determined.	Many descendants traced to the present generation	John Stratton, Watertown, Mass.	1667		No clew found to any connection with an earlier American line.
		Edward Stratton, Bermuda Hundred, Va.	1671		
		John Stratton, Woodbury, Conn.	1682		
		William Stratton, Winsor, Conn.	1706		Probably descended from some of the above, but *proof* of the same is yet wanting.
		Emanuel Stratton, New Jersey	1713	Brothers	
		Mark Stratton, " "	1713		
		Joseph Stratton, Watertown, Mass.	1717		
		Jonathan Stratton, Weston, Mass.	——		

Of the sixteen Strattons named in this outline, thirteen are known to have descendants living in the United States to-day.* The ancestry of the first two,—Joseph of James City, and John of Salem,—is very fully and interestingly traced back to Walter de Stratton of Suffolk, England, in 1329. (See *The Shotley Line.*)

The two Boston emigrants—Bartholomew and Caleb—were from Tenterden, England, and were great-grandsons of William Stratton of Shrivenham. Their line back to about the middle of the sixteenth century is given on another page of this volume.

That Richard and John of Long Island were elder brothers of Bartholomew and Caleb, there seems no reason to doubt.† (See *Long Island Strattons.*)

The English lines of Samuel of Watertown and Thomas of the eastern shore have not yet been determined.‡

Of the next three,—John of Watertown, Edward of Bermuda Hundred and John of Woodbury,—the most diligent research has failed to find any trace earlier than the dates given, or the least clew to any connection with any earlier Strattons.§

Of the last five Strattons named in the outline, it can now only be said that while it seems very probable that they belong to earlier American lines, the compiler has so far found no proof of it.‖

(*See "Contents" of this Volume for the pages upon which full records of each of these Colonial Strattons are found.*)

In addition to the sixteen Strattons in the above outline, others have appeared for a short time upon Colonial records,

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* Over four thousand of these descendants have been satisfactorily traced by the compiler. Each line, down to the fifth generation, is given in this first volume of *A Book of Strattons.* The second volume will take each line up where this one leaves it.

† It is very much hoped that *actual proof* may yet be found.

‡ Clews, however, have been found which it is hoped will lead to the establishment of their homes and ancestry in the old world.

§ In this volume these three are treated as emigrants—i. e. the first of their lines in America.

‖ If such is the fact, researches still being made in Connecticut, Massachusetts and New Jersey must in time find the "missing links." It is barely possible, however, that some of these men were "after planters," coming from England at about the date of first mention given here—in which case the evidence must be looked for in England.

with no clew to their ancestry and no discovered trace of any descendants:

i.	William Stratton, Marblehead, Mass.	1649–1658
ii.	John Stratton, Maryland and Delaware	1672–1677
iii.	Thomas Stratton, Maryland	1677–1686
iv.	Thomas Stratton, Maryland	1729–1744
v.	George Stratton, Maryland	1708–1718
vi.	Anthony Stratton, of London	1697–1701
vii.	William Stratton, of Bristol	1640–1652
viii.	William Stratton, mariner	1695 ——

What little has been found concerning these men is given here:

I. From 1649 to 1658 "MR. WILLIAM STRATTON" lived in Essex County, Mass. (as shown by deeds). He owned ten acres of land, with "ye old mill and all utensils and implements there-un-to pertaining," near Throgmorton's Cove,—in that part of Salem which in 1649 became Marblehead. In 1657 he was in Marblehead, and John Bradstreet was his attorney. In 1658 he had sold his property and his name disappears from the records there. Unavailing search has been made for any clew to his whereabouts thereafter.*

II. In 1672 JOHN STRATTON was granted fifty acres in Dorchester County, Md., for "having transported himself into the Province to inhabitant." And the name of John Stratton appears in 1672 in Queen Anne and Kent Counties, Md., and in 1677 in Newcastle County, Del. The records give nothing to show that he became an inhabitant there, or any clew to his residence elsewhere. (See *Land Grants*, Annapolis. Also, *Court Proceedings*, Kent, Queen Anne and New Castle Counties.)

III. In 1677 THOMAS STRATTON "came into Maryland." (*Book of Land grants, patents, arrivals*, at Annapolis.) †

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* At this time many families were moving from that part of Massachusetts to new colonies. Many settled in Connecticut, near Hartford. In 1641 John Throgmorton with thirty-six English families from Massachusetts, settled on the peninsula now known as Throgmortons, near Flushing, Long Island. Ann Hutchinson came to Pellam Neck, just east of Throgmortons.

† "The book in which this is originally recorded is so nearly gone to decay that it is impossible to decipher anything more of this entry. Many of the

In Annapolis wills, Liber C., 1682–1686, is recorded a long and interesting will of Edmund Gibbons of Delaware River. His possessions were widely scattered,—lands in Delaware, Pennsylvania, Carolina and New York; debts and concerns in the Barbadoes; a debt of long standing in Virginia; cattle and horses on Long Island. To "Brother Thomas Stratton and his wife" is bequeathed "the plantation called Mulberry Swamp (not located) and what stock there is on it, my new chest of goods at Briggs, and my chest and goods at New Castle and a mare on Long Island." Thomas Stratton is one of the executors of this will; Jonathan Naville of Salem County, N. J., was another executor.

IV. Nothing more is found of a Thomas Stratton in Maryland for forty-six years, and then (1729) a Thomas Stratton bought land in Cecil County. Four years later, September 3, 1733, the church records of St. Stephen Parish (Cecil County), give the marriage of Thomas Stratton to **Hannah Mannering** (or Manwaring).

August 28, 1734, and March 30, 1739, Thomas Stratton and wife Hannah sign deeds to two tracts of land in Cecil County,—one called "Hispanola," the other "Bullen's Ridge." February, 1744, Thomas Stratton quitclaims to Martin Alexander of Cecil County all rights to a large tract of land known as "Knowlwood."

This is a quaint old deed beginning:

"To all Christian people to whom these presents shall come. Know ye that Thomas Stratton, of Kent County, in the Territory of Pennsylvania (now Maryland) sendeth greetings. Know ye that said Thomas Stratton for valuable considerations him thereunto moving, hath remised, released and for ever quit-claim," etc.

No wife joins him in signing this deed, and then his name disappears from the records there, and nothing more is known of him. *

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leaves of the book crumble into pieces upon being handled."—*Kirk Brown*, Baltimore.

* Cecil County, Md., was taken from Baltimore County in 1673. It joins New Castle County in Delaware. Salem County, N. J., is just across the river in New Jersey. Kent County was established in 1640. The history of these counties is closely connected. William Penn, it will be remembered, as well as Lord Baltimore, claimed this vicinity to the Atlantic. Many Quakers settled here. Strattons from Long Island settled in Salem County, N. J., as early, at least, as 1716.

V. In 1708 (November 1st) Jacob Neal of Kent County, Md., appoints "my good friend GEORGE STRATTON" (or Strutton) executor of his will.

In 1718 the will of George Stratton of Cecil County, gentleman, is probated.* No sons are mentioned. His estate goes to his two daughters, Mary Stratton and Elenor, wife of **Cornelius Tobin** (Annapolis Wills, Liber J. C. & W. B.).

VI. In 1697–1699 CAPTAIN ANTHONY STRATTON, mariner, of London, had some claims in the province of Maryland. May 1, 1701, he is diseased, and Richard Branch of Talbott County, Md., enters caveat against any person administering on his estate. (Annapolis Wills, Liber 18, Folio 43).

VII. WILLIAM STRATTON, mariner and merchant, of Bristol, Eng., appears several times in American ports, bringing goods and passengers. In 1644 he is master of the "Rain Bow," then in port in Boston. In 1646–1648–1649 he has power of attorney to transact business for parties in Boston, Charlestown and London. In 1642 Hugh Jones, John Abbott and John Vinning came over in "Mr. Stratton's ship." †

VIII. In November, 1696, a "MR. WILLIAM STRATTON" presented a petition to the council and assembly at New Castle, Del., concerning the brigantine "Tryall," of which he was then master. Associated with him was "Mr. E. Stratton." The same case was in court in Boston, January, 1697–1698.

The brigantine was "taken in New Foundland waters." There is no evidence that these mariners ever had a residence in America.

Could this have been the William Stratton, mariner and merchant, of Bristol, who appeared on our shores fifty-five years earlier?

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* The administrators of this will are "held and firmly bound unto the Right Hon. Charles Baltimore, in full and just sum of £100. sterling money of England." The will is returned by Matheas Vanderhuyden, Deputy Commissioner—who married a daughter of Augustus Herman, one of the most prominent men of his day in Maryland. Herman and his family lived at "Bohemia Manor," in Cecil County. Mannering (or Manwaring) Hall was near Bohemia Landing.

† William Aspinwall, Recorder of Suffolk County, Mass., gives twelve references to this William Stratton, of Bristol. See *Aspinwall's Records*, pub.

THE FIRST STRATTONS IN AMERICA

"What is all this worth?" Abbe Roynal.

JOSEPH STRATTON OF JAMES CITY, VIRGINIA

(*See Chart* 1)

THE first Stratton to appear on Colonial records was Joseph Stratton,[1] youngest son of Thomas Stratton of Shotley and Ardleigh. (See *Strattons of the Shotley Line.*)* He came to Virginia in the spring of 1628—the same season of the year in which twenty-one years earlier the first little colony sailed up the beautiful James River to the site of Jamestown. Doubtless Joseph was as charmed as were they with this "land of flowers" in the season of its beauty—the "Good Land," as the Indians called it.

By his father's will Joseph was to have "£100 at 21, and £5 yearly after his age of 14." In 1621 he seems to have been in Shotley and by the will of his brother John was given "10 shillings to buy him a ring." In 1623 he was living in Harwich, just across the River Stour from Shotley. In April, 1628, he came to Plymouth and "sete saile for to goe to Virginia." He married **Joan** ———, whether in England or Virginia is not yet known.†

When the House of Burgesses assembled, March 24, 1629, we find Joseph Stratton a member of the same—less than a year after his arrival in the colony.

He represented Nutmeg Quarter, Denheigh County. Two years later he was again in Burgess, representing Nutmeg Quarter and Waters Creek—(called Watts Creek on maps of to-day).

In 1635 he owned 500 acres of land at Nutmeg Quarter. One

* See pedigree and history of *Shotley Strattons*, in Part I of this Volume.

† The records at Shotley and Dedham show nothing of him later than 1621. The registers at Harwich and Ardleigh have not been searched. One of them may contain his marriage record—and possibly baptisms of his children. He could not have been far from thirty-five years of age when he came to America.

entry says this land was "granted him," another that he "bought it from the attorney of Sir Frances Wyatt." (*Virginia Land Grants.*)

On this land Joseph Stratton was apparently living in 1639, and that same year George Stratton was appointed "Viewer of the tobacco crops," (according to Act of Assembly, 1639), from Waters Creek to the lower port of the County," while John Stratton was appointed to the same office in Lower Norfolk County.* (*Robinson's manuscript.*)

In 1640 Joseph Stratton was still living in Virginia (*Lechford's Notes*). No record of his death has been found, but on the 2d of June, 1641, Joan Stratton, "relict of Joseph Stratton, late of James City in Virginia" was commissioned by the prerogative court of Canterbury, Eng., to administer his estate.

Joan was probably then in England, but whether she came there after her husband's death, or before, or whether or not she was ever in Virginia, is one of the still unsolved Stratton problems.

All recognized sources of information in Virginia have been carefully searched for farther data, but without avail.

It is possible that he is the ancestor of the Strattons who appear later in other Virginia counties.

Some stray item, from some unlooked for source, may yet come to light to prove this—for the present nothing more is known of Joseph Stratton of James City.

The then Denheigh County became later a part of James City, Warwick and Charles City Counties. Nutmeg Quarter and Waters Creek are in what is now Warwick County. The early records of this county and of James City have been destroyed. Very few records of this vicinity escaped the destructive fires of 1863 and 1865. Many were destroyed at earlier dates.

* For all other knowledge we have of this John Stratton of Lower Norfolk, see footnote under Thomas Stratton of the Eastern shore. No other mention has been found of this George Stratton, of Waters Creek. They may have been sons of Joseph—if so it is hoped that future investigations may prove it. So many of the old records of Virginia have been destroyed, however, that there is little hope of finding more there. Harwich and Ardleigh would seem to be the most likely field for research. George and John were doubtless at least twenty-one in 1639, hence they were born before Joseph came to James City.

JOHN STRATTON OF SALEM, MASSACHUSETTS

(*See Chart* 1)

JOHN STRATTON, eldest son of *John* and *Ann* (*Dearhaugh*) *Stratton* of Shotley, Eng., was born about 1606.* By his father's will dated September 24, 1621, he was to have, at the age of 21, certain rents from the Manor of Thurcarlton during his mother's lifetime and the manor itself after her death. His father died in Ardleigh, and was buried in Shotley, May 4, 1627.

Soon after his death Kirkton Manor was sold to meet the requirements of the will. John Stratton, Jr., was one of the executors of this will. He must have come to America the following year (1628), for in December, 1631, he was granted land in Maine "in consideration for and in respect that he had lived in New England these three years last past, and had expended 1000 li. in transporting cattle and maintaining of servants in their imployment." (See *Land Grant to John Stratton,* in Part I.) Of his movements during these three years we know nothing more. In the latter part of 1631 he had returned to England and was with his mother and sisters at Dedham. He was then preparing to return to the New World, and it was probably during this time that Thurcarlton Manor and the demesne lands were sold.†

In December, 1631, he left England to take possession of the land that had been granted him on the coast of Maine. Near the coast he encountered a storm, and "lost valuable papers and goods by the casting away of a boat." *Lechford's Notes.*

This grant to John Stratton consisted of "2000 acres on the coast of Maine, in the vecinity of Ogunquit and Kennebunk rivers on the south side of Cape Porpoise, and an island near the mouth of the Saco River." The island is opposite Black Point, a little west of Richmond Island, and about four miles from Old Orchard. It is still known as "Stratton Island."

Many references are found in Maine historical works to "Mr.

* See pedigree and history of the *Shotley Strattons*, Part I in this Volume.

† In the Suffolk Ship Money Returns for the year 1639–40, the name Stratton does not appear amongst the property holders of the parish of Shotley, showing that the family had sold all their possessions there before that date.

Stratton's" claim. Judge Southgate's *History of Maine* refers to him as the first settler of Scarboro. The present city of Wells * probably had its origin as "Stratton's plantation."

A manuscript written in 1660, and recently discovered in the British Museum by Henry F. Waters, A. B., refers to "Wells, a handsome well peopled place lying on both sides of a river, for which place a patent was long since granted to one 'Mr. Stratton.'"

Felts' *Ecclesiastical History of New England* says: "Thomas Jenner (who had been settled at Weymouth, but now preaching at Saco), replying to a letter of Winthrop, writes, 'I have been solicited, both from the inhabitants of Stratton's plantation and from those of Caskoe to be a means to help each of them to a godly minister, therefore I do make bold to entreat your worship to do your endeavor to furnish them both.'"

At this time immigrants were rushing into New England. Applications for grants became numerous, and patents were issued without sufficient regard to definite boundaries, which later led to litigation. In a letter dated September 27, 1641, Thomas Gorges ("Superintendant of the affairs of Sir Ferdinand Gorges, Knight, Lord proprietor of the Province of Mayne") mentions this claim of Stratton's, yet granted to others (July 14, 1643) land comprised within Stratton's grant—for which John Stratton seems never to have obtained redress.

There is nothing to show that John Stratton remained long in this vicinity. In January, 1636, he had been away from there for some time.

March 28, 1636, "It is petitioned for Mr. Edward Godfrey that an attachment might bee of one Brase Kettell, now in the hands of Mr. Edward Godfrey which was belonging to Mr. John Stratton of a debt dew now 3 years from Mr. Stratton to him."

Cook County Records, Alfred, Maine.

September 19, 1636, John Stratton was in Massachusetts Bay Colony, and was "fined £10 for lending a gun to an Indian for four days."

December 7, 1636, "John Stratton being fined £10 is remitted to 10s if he goe to the Merrimack." *Mass. Bay Colony Records.*

Later, John Stratton, Goodman Woodward, with an Indian,

* The town records of Wells were burned in the destruction of the house of Joseph Bowles in 1657.

and two others, were appointed "to lay out a line three miles north of the northermost part of the Merrimac." This line eventually became the boundary between New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

August 8, 1637, "Mr. Stratton requests a farm beyond Ipswich Pond," near Salem. March 1, 1638, this farm was "laid out to John Stratton"—100 acres. The same year he was "admitted inhabitant" of Charlestown and given permission to buy the Withwell house.* He was granted other lands in Charlestown—six different lots making 63 acres in all—with their rights.† The records at Charlestown, however, give no evidence of his ever having lived there, and he probably lived at Salem, where, in 1638, he was granted a house lot "there being two in the family." At this time he is styled "a merchant" and Lechford records several notes of John Stratton, merchant.‡

That he was a man of standing in those early days is shown by the character of the men with whom he was associated, as well as by the extent of his business transactions. About this time financial misfortunes began to overtake him. The decision in England seems to have been against him concerning a part, at least, of his land grant in Maine. Large debts due him in Virginia he could

* Thomas Withwell was a teacher. He came to Charlestown 1635–6, and was for several years the grammar teacher there.

† The location and boundaries of these lots are given in the Land Records of Charlestown. One lot adjoined that of Rev. John Harvard, pastor of the church at Charlestown, and first benefactor of Harvard University. Another joined George Bunker, of the family who possessed Bunker Hill. This book of Land Records began March 26, 1638. It may be that John Stratton possessed lands there before that date.

‡ Promisory Note—John Stratton, gent, of Salem—Dec. 6, 1638.

This wittnesses yt I Jno Stratton of Salem, merchant, have received of Edmund Angier of Cambridge, divers comodityes and wares amounting to the some of twentye pounds & sixteen shillings & eight pence to be payd the sayd Edmond Angier or his assignees att or upon the five & twentye of November next after the date hereof.

Witness my hand this twenty-fifth of September, 1638.

JO STRATTON.

In 1641 there had been Received on this note one mare value twentye-pounds.

Payment to be made in moneye, or cattle as money, delivered at the Governors farme.

not collect. Much of his property in Charlestown went into the hands of assignees, and we find him conveying all his "interests what-so-ever, in lands at Cape Porpus, to Richard Saltonstall, Esq^{r} and Hugh Peters, pastor in Salem,—the rest that is not sold to Mathew Craddock, mercator, for £10." September 26, 1639, "John Stratton, gent, of Salem, made a letter of assignment and attorney to Mr. Richard Hutchinson, citizen and iron monger of London." This letter was "signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of John Winthrope Esq^{r} Governor of the Jurisdiction of the Massachusetts Bay Colony in New England."

LETTER OF ASSIGNMENT AND ATTORNEY

Know all men by these present that I John Stratton of Salem in New England, gent, for or in part payment of 50£ w^{ch} I owe me to Valentine Hill of Boston in New England, mercer, doe hereby give & grant unto the said Valentine Hill all that my lott or farme granted & assigned to me by the Townsmen of Salem aforsaid containing one hundred acres or there-abouts bee it more or less lying and being in the villiage within the prescints of the said town of Salem near the land of Mr. Hawthorne and St. Davenport.

I say in part payment of so much of the said 50£ as the said premises are well worth but if the premises are worth 50£ then in full payment of the said 50£.

Then what in value the same shall come short of the said 50£ I or my heirs, executor or Ad^{ms} shall and will pay & satisfy me unto the said Hill his executor or ad^{ms} as soon as the said Valentine Hill shall receive news from England that the 50£ are not, and cannot be received from John Harrison, gent, by vertue of one letter of attorney made by me unto Richard Hutchinson, citizan and iron-monger of London upon one bill or writing where-unto Adam Winthrope was witness, according to appointment of the said Valentine Hill & to the said Richard Hutchinson his executors ad^{ms} & assignees according to the said letter of attorney then this present gift & grant shall be voyd & of no force. And I further covenent promise & grant to & with the said Valentine Hill that I will pay all costs & charges to be expended in the endeavor to recover said 50£ of said John Harrison if the same shall not be recovered of him. *Lechford's Notes.*

Then we find him making this will:

"I, John Stratton, in the present letter of attorney mentioned, doe hereby make and declare this my last will and testament touching the suits and matters therein contained as followeth:

"My will is that if it please God that I depart this life before the said suits and matters are finished that my attorneys, in the said letter of attorney mentioned shall be my executors jointly and severally to recover the premises. In testimony thereof I have here-unto set my hand and seal."

To this will is affixed the following:

"And the said Governor do hereby certify that the above said John Stratton did in my presence publish and declare the said writing to be his last will and testament touching the premises which I have granted also to testify under the said public seal."

Lechford's Notes.

July 19, 1641, John was still in Salem, where he, with his mother and sisters,* made a letter of attorney to Captain Edward Gibbons of Boston and Robert Stileman, merchant, of London, to receive from John Thurston of Hockston, Eng., the legacies left him by this last will and testament of Mrs. Mary Dearhaugh, late of Barrington, County Suffolk, Eng. (See pedigree of Shotley Strattons.) Two years later the town records of Salem show that John Stratton is "absent" and Thomas West is to have the use of his 10 acre

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* See pedigree of *Shotley Strattons.*

In 1637 the name of Ann Stratton, widow, appears on a list of church members in Salem. She was still living there in July, 1642. After this date she may have married again.

Elizabeth Stratton married John (son of Francis and Alice Thorndike of Little Carlton, Eng.), of Beverly, Mass. After her death he returned to England, where he died in 1662 and was buried in the east cloister of Westminister Abbey, near his brother, Rev. Herbert Thorndike. Their son Paul Thorndike lived in America, and has descendants here to-day.

Dorothy Stratton was in Salem, unmarried in 1640. Some have found reasons for believing that she married William Pester of Ipswich about 1642. He was son of William Pester, Esq., of Barnard Castle, Eng.

William Stratton, brother of John of Salem, made preparations to come to Virginia with his Uncle Joseph in 1628. He did not come at that time, however, and nothing has been found to show that he ever came to America. In a deposition taken before Lechford in 1640–41, John Stratton of Salem, testifies that he is the "only brother & heir & next of kin & creditor of William Stratton, gent, of Ardleigh, in the County of Essex, Eng. deceased."

lot at Derby Fort Side on condition that he "sufficiently fence it."

And then the name of John Stratton disappears from Salem records, and all efforts to locate him elsewhere have utterly failed. Nothing has been found to show that the "suits and matters" mentioned in his will were ever brought to trial.*

No mention has been found of any children of his, until twenty years later, in 1660, when we find a daughter, Anne Stratton, then the wife of **William Lake**, living in Salem in the house which John Stratton had owned in 1639.

"William Lake the husband of Anne the daughter of Mr. John Stratton, p'l't ag'st Thomas Cauly de'f't, in an action of the case for witholding or refusing to give possession of a pr'cell of land, that was formerly the land of the said John Stratton mortgaged to Major Gibbins, deceased, & by him given to Anne affores'd now wife of the said William Lake to his great damage, ans: to attachtt du: 22: 9mo '70."

Case "8, 22, 9mo 1670, *Essex County Court*," *Salem, Mass.*

"To the marshall of Salem, or his Deputy. You are required in his Majesties name to attach the body or goods of Thomas Caly [Cauly] & take bond of him to the value of forty pounds with sufficient security for his appearance at the next County Court held at Salem, then & there to answer the complaint of William Lake, the husband of Anna the Daughter of Mr. John Stratton in an action of the case for withholding or refusing to give possession of a p^{r} cell of land that was formerly the land of the said John Stratton mortgaged to Maj^{or} Gibbons deceased and by him given

* One of these suits (see *Lechford's Notes*) was against Joseph Stratton of James City, to recover "debts due my father and my brother William in their life time."

The petition (dated December, 1641) for this suit was referred by the Governor of Massachusetts to the Governor of Virginia as follows: "To the Right Wor^{ee} Sir Francis Wyatt, Knight, Gov. & Capt. General of his Majesties colony in Virginia, I, Thomas Dudley, Esq^{r}, Governor of the jurisdiction of Massachusetts Bay in N. E. doe hereby certify that I have received this present certificate before written from John Endicott, Esq. and have at the request of John Stratton herein named granted to exemplifie the same."

We know that Joseph Stratton died before June 2, 1641. The suit was probably settled out of court—and perhaps in England.

to Anna aforesaid the now wife of ye said William Lake—to his great damage & hereof make returne. 22, 9mo 1670."

Essex County Court Files, 16: 119.

Record of this case—29, 9mo 1670, says: "Withdrawn."

In *Essex County Deeds*, 3, p. 106, is deed, dated 2, 12mo 1670 of William Lake, Cooper, and wife Ann, of Salem, conveying 10 acres of land at Darby Fort Side, Marblehead, to Thomas Caly (or Cauly), netmaker.*

William Lake died, and his widow married **William Stevens** of Salem. The Registry of Deeds shows that on February 5, 1717, Anne Stevens, widow, of Salem for the consideration of £20 conveys to Thomas Flint, Jr., "100 acres of land granted to my honored father Mr. John Stratton Jan. 31, 1638." The deed says: "I am ye True, Sole, & Lawful owner of ye above Bargained premises, as I am heir, to my father Mr. John Stratton and Lawfully possessed of ye same in my own proper Right as a good, perfect, & absolute estate of inheritance."

Essex County Registry of Deeds, 33: 117.

This 100 acres, Anne Stevens had placed in the care of Thomas Flint, March 12, 1692. It was on the north side of Ipswich River, and was the same 100 acres "laid out" to John Stratton March 1, 1638.

Anne Stratton and William Lake were married about 1660. They had four children born in Salem between 1662 and 1675.† He died before June 26, 1680, and her second husband, William Stevens, died before 1685. She died after 1718.

If John Stratton left other children the most diligent research has thus far failed to bring to light any proof of the fact, or to reveal any clew to his residence after July, 1641.

And so for the present we must leave him

"Hidden from all research
Among the depths of Time."

* It would appear, from the case being settled out of court, that both Lake and Cauly had some claim on this ten acres. The bounds between Salem and Marblehead were not well defined. (See *William Stratton of Marblehead.*) Wm. Cauly died 1672, leaving wife, Mary, daughter of Benjamin Parmeter.

† Two of these children, Ann and William, died in childhood. One daughter, Abigail Lake, married William Allen and had at least two children, who owned the ancient Lake homestead in Salem in 1730. The other daughter, Mary Lake, married Lewis Hunt of Salem, and had a daughter, Mary, who married Paul Langdon and moved to Hopkinton.



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EARLY STRATTONS OF BOSTON

"There are some persons who cannot discriminate between a taste for pedigree and the pride of ancestry."—"English Heraldry," CHARLES BOUTELL.

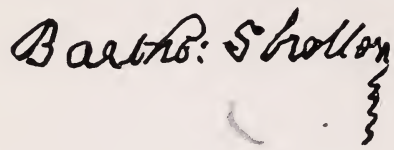
BARTHOLOMEW and Caleb Stratton of Boston, were younger sons of William Stratton of London and Tenterden, Eng. (See *Shrivenham Strattons.*) At just what date they came to America has not been ascertained. Bartholomew is first found in Boston in 1658; Caleb in 1660. It is quite probable that each of these young men left England soon after coming into his patrimony. (See *Wm. Stratton's Will, Shrivenham Line.*) They owned real estate in Boston and were men of standing there as shown by their business relations and the families into which they married. In the records of them "Mr." is usually used,—a title of no little distinction at that day. They seem to have formed no church alliance in Boston; there are no baptismal records of their children. Bartholomew married a Quaker,—granddaughter of the eminent *Ann Hutchinson.* Caleb's wife was a daughter of *Alexander Adams*, of Dorchester and Boston, and many of his early descendants were Friends.

BARTHOLOMEW STRATTON [1] OF BOSTON

(*See Chart A*)

1. BARTHOLOMEW STRATTON,[1] sixth son of *William Stratton*, of Tenterden, Eng., was born January 12, 1627–28. At what date he came to New England is not known. As early as 1658 we find him married and living in Boston. In 1662 be owned land there—had owned it for some time—and his house and home lot were valued at £60. Bartholomew, like several other early Strattons, was a merchant mariner, and made several trips between Boton and London, carrying goods and passengers. In 1665 he was master of the ship "Unity" which had just come into port at Boston from London.

In 1673 "Mr. Bartholomew Stratton" was employed by Mr. Robert Marshall of Boston, to go to Piscataqua (*now Portsmouth*), New Hampshire, to inspect a vessel then being built there. At this time he testified that he was forty-six years old. In 1678 he took the oath of allegiance in Boston.



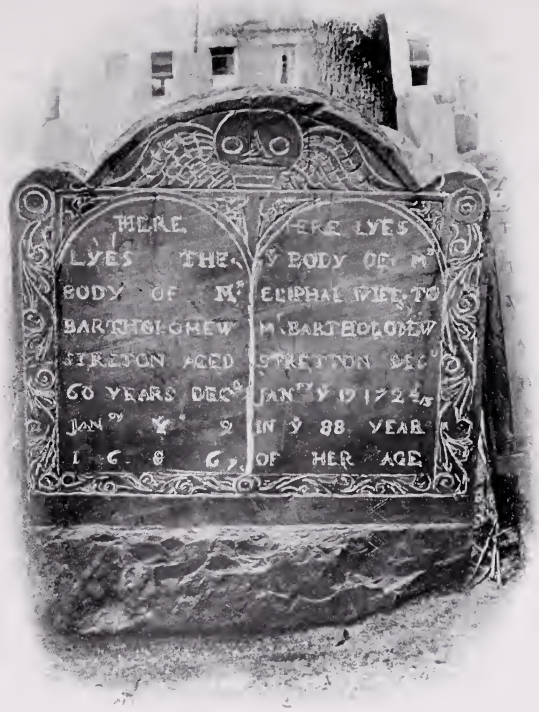
He married **Eliphal Sanford**, daughter of *Governor John* and *Bridget* (*Hutchinson*) *Sanford* of Rhode Island.* His children and grandchildren married into families well known in Boston. He died January 9, 1686, and is buried at Copp's Hill.† The stone marking his grave stands nearly in the center of the Hill and is very well preserved. The same stone bears an inscription to Bartholomew and one to his wife, Eliphal, showing that it was erected after January 19, 1724,—the date of her death. On the opposite side of the path, is a stone to the memory of their daughter, Mrs. Bridget (Stratton) Ladd, who "Departed this life in the 79th year of her age," and near by, are stones marking the resting places of three other members of the family.

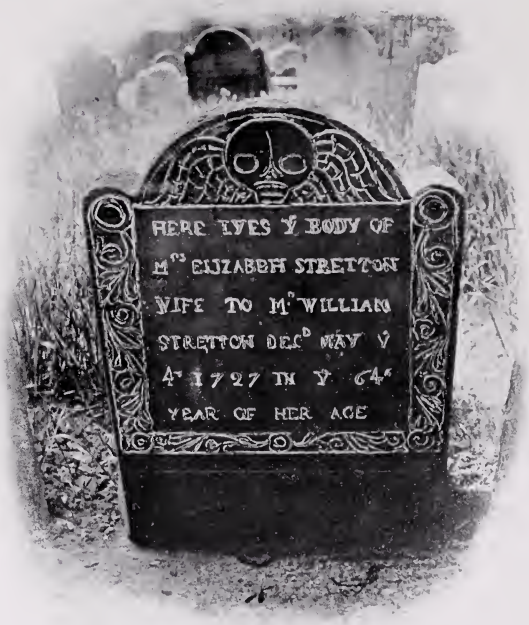
Children:—*Born in Boston.*

+2 William,[2] b. 1658.

* John Sanford came to Boston from Alfred, Lincolnshire, Eng., in 1631. He was among those who were "frozen out" of Boston on account of his Religious belief. He married Bridget, daughter of the eminent Quakeress, Anne Hutchinson. Among the legacies in his will, dated June, 1653, is this: "To daughter Eliphal, £100, of which £60 to be hers at marriage and £40 at her mother's marriage or death." In 1663, his widow, Bridget, now the wife of Major William Phillips of Boston, took receipt from Bartholomew Stratton, husband of her daughter Eliphal, for this legacy. Major Phillips was a man of "many acres" in Maine. Saco, Maine, was headquarters of his land interests.

† Copp's Hill, near Christ Church, is the second oldest burying ground of Boston, the oldest being King's Chapel Burying-ground on Tremont Street, where the first interment was in 1630. Copp's Hill is the most interesting as well as the largest of the ancient burying-grounds. For a long time it was known as "Old North Burying-ground." The first interment here was in 1660. Here are the graves of Drs. Increase, Cotton and Samuel Mather, Andrew Eliot, the father and grandfather of Governor Hutchinson, a sister of Paul Revere, and many others with whom the early history of Boston has made us familiar. This burying-ground was "ancient" at the time of the Revolution, when many of the stones were demolished by the British soldiers.





Copp's Hill Gravestones

(*Pages* 86 *and* 88)

–3 Ann,[2] b. Feb. 16, 1662; m. **Tobias Atkins.***

–4 Bridget[2], b. Jan. 28, 1664; m. **Robert Ladd;** d. in Boston, Nov. 2, 1743.†

If there were other children, a most careful search in Boston has failed to show any trace of them. Restcome Sanford, son of Governor John Sanford, in his will, mentions, "my sister, Eliphal Stratton and her three children."

2. WILLIAM STRATTON [2] (*Bartholomew* [1]) was born in Boston, January 30, 1658. Very little is known of him before his marriage. We know that his mother was a Quaker. She and her mother, Bridget Sanford, were once arrested in Boston for persisting in being Quakers, but remained true to their religious belief. Drake, in his *History of Boston*, and other historians of early religious belief in New England, refer to them. William was doubtless brought up a Quaker. He married **Elizabeth** ———, some time before 1685. In 1695 his name appears on a list of the residents of Boston. In the will of Bridget Sanford-Phillips, date 1696, is this legacy: "To my grandson, William Stratton, one thousand acres of land bought of Fluellin Sumtimus (an Indian) to his heirs and assignees forever. Also one set of silver buttons, also a gold ring." This land has not been located. No mention is found in any of the churches of Boston, of the baptisms of any of his children, until in 1698, when in the Second Church of Boston occurs this entry: Elizabeth, wife of William Stratton, was admitted member of the church and on this same day her children were baptized "in the right of their mother."—(Drs. Increase and

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* Ann Stratton [2] married Tobias Atkins. Their children were Ann and Eliphal. Ann Atkins married Samuel, son of Deacon Samuel Marshall, and had issue: Samuel, Atkins, William, Katherine, Eliphal, Eunice—who married Edward Ladd Sanders, and Ann—who married John Stamp, and died, a widow, in Boston in 1786, aged 73 years, "only surviving grandchild of Ann Atkins." Eliphal Atkins married Samuel Tulley (or Tilley) and had issue: Samuel, Sarah, Elizabeth, William and Eliphal, who married Samuel Swift (graduate of Harvard; died during the seige of Boston) and had issue: Sarah, Ann and Eliphal. Samuel Tilley married second Elizabeth Foster.

† Bridget Stratton [2] married Robert Ladd; their children were Edward, and Bridget, who married William Sanders and had issue: John; Bridget (died 1775); Hannah (died before 1775), and Edward Ladd, who married Eunice Marshall as his second wife. See will of Ann Stratton (9).

Cotton Mather, ministers.) * At Copp's Hill, near the grave of Bartholomew and Eliphal, stands a stone bearing this inscription: "Here lies the body of Mrs. Elizabeth Stretton, wife of Mr. William Stretton, deceased May 14th, 1727 in ye 64 yr."

No record of William's death has been found, nor any stone to his memory.

Children:—*Born in Boston.*

– 5 Elizabeth,[3] d. unm., Feb. 15, 1720, aged 33 yrs., 9 mos. Buried at Copp's Hill.

– 6 Eliphal,[3] d. April 15, 1717, aged 27 yrs.; buried at Copp's Hill; m. 1st (in Second Church by Cotton Mather) **Samuel Hopkins**; 2d **Ebenezer Graves.**

– 7 William,[3] b. Feb. 1, 1693; bapt. Jan. 19, 1698,—after which nothing is known concerning him.†

– 8 Bridget,[3] b. Jan. 19, 1694; d. in Boston April 27, 1769, unm.

– 9 Ann,[3] d. in Boston, unm., Nov. 22, 1778, aged 82 yrs. (*See her will below.*)

–10 John,[3] bapt. Jan. 19, 1698. (So says unpublished manuscript in Gen. and Hist. Rooms, Boston.) Nothing more is known of him.

The published records of the Second Church give the baptism of four of these children,—Elizabeth, Eliphal, William and Ann,—January 19, 1698, the same day that their mother was admitted

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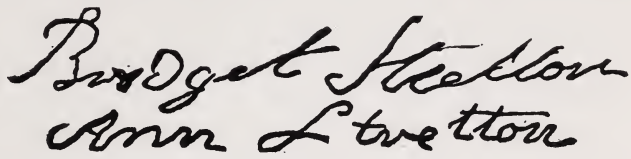
* Second Church, Boston, was organized about 1649, and a building was erected the following year, which was burned in 1676, and rebuilt in 1678. It was in this house of worship that the children of Elizabeth Stratton were baptized. This building was destroyed by the British soldiers in 1775. The building now occupied by the Society of the old Second Church is on Boylston Street. The communion-service of the Church contains some very old and highly interesting pieces. In the first building there were some pews that had special doors leading to the street.

From Boston records we learn that in 1700 "the tax of Widow Stratton was abated." It is suggested that William [2] died 1697–98, and that Elizabeth—perhaps having been brought up in the Second Church—returned to the church of her youth with her children. Her ancestry has not been traced. She was born about 1665. A study of the Elizabeths born in Boston 1664 to 1666, would be interesting and might prove her parentage.

† Unless this one item refers to him: In 1615 a William Stratton, barber, is defendant, in Boston, in a case of debt. *Barber* then meant *Sergeon*, and assisted the physician in bleeding patients, as was the old-time custom.

to membership. Unpublished records say that John was baptized on same date. Little Bridget was then four years old; she must have been baptized at the same time, but in some way her name was left off the list. The dates of birth, marriage and death given here are from Boston town records, and Copp's Hill gravestones.

Bridget and Ann were admitted to the Second Church in 1725, and were living together in Boston in 1757, when their signatures



appear on a mortgage. Bridget died in 1769. In 1776 Ann Stratton's "Mansion House" on Green Street, near Bowdoin Square, was valued at £500,* and she "owned a pew in Rev. Mr. Howard's church." This was the year in which her will was made, and it bears her signature in her eightieth year.

WILL OF ANN STRATTON [3]
1776

In the Name of God Amen. I Ann Stratton of Boston, in the County of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts-Bay. Spinster, being Sick in Body but through the Divine Goodness of Sound Disposing Mind and Memory, and not knowing how soon it may please God to call me out of this World Do make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament, as follows: That is to say principally and First of all I Recommend my Soul into the hand of the Merciful God who gave it to me and my Body I Commit to the Earth for a Decent Burial in hopes of a Glorious Resurrection to Eternal Life through the alone Merits of my Blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ who himself arose from the Dead. And as for my worldly estate which it hath pleased God to Bless me with after my Just

* This house and lot was conveyed, Aug., 1726, from John Sanford to Elizabeth Stratton, and from her descended to Ann. From Ed. Ladd Sanders it descended to his daughter Susanna, who married Isaac Smith. She was "sole heir" to her father. In 1810 she conveyed the property to Jonas Coolidge, reserving to Eliphal Swift "the front chamber for her natural life."

Debts and Funeral Charges are paid I dispose thereof as follows. Vizt:—

Infinis—I give to my kinswoman Ann Stamp of sd Boston, Widow my Silver Tankard, Markt s A. M., my Silver Porringer also of the same mark and another Silver Porringer marked B. A. S., my wrought Silver Cup marked E. S. on one side and W. H. on the other side, and also my Blew Damask Gown, forever.

Item. I Give to my Kinswoman, Eliphall Swift of said Boston, Spinster, the Sole use and Improvements of the Front Chambers in my Mansion House in Cambridge Street, [Note—This property was in Green Street, so says Deeds], in sd Boston during her Natural Life, and necessary Furniture for the said Chamber. I also Give her Thirty Pounds Lawful Money, my Wearing Linen, my Green Tabby Gown and Velvet Cloak, A Silver Salver, Two Silver Salts and Silver Pepper Box, Two Silver Porringers, One Silver Table Spoon, Two Silver Tea Spoons, and a Large Gold Ring marked E. M., forever.

Item. I give to Elizabeth Foster of Tilsbury or Tisbury, in Martha's Vine Yard, in sd State, my Blue Cloth Riding Hood, my wrought Cup markt E. M. and also a Stone Ring, forever.

Item. I give to my Friend and Kinsman, Edward Ladd Sanders of sd Boston, Gentn., a Large Silver Tankard, forever.*

Item. All the Remainder of my Plate and Wearing Apparel I give to the sd Ann Stamp and my Kinswoman Eunice Marshall, sd Boston; Spinster, in Equal Shares, forever.

Item. I Give, Devise and Bequeath All my Right, Title and Interest in and to certain Lands situated in the Countys of York, Cumberland and Lincoln in the Eastern Parts of the

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* One cannot help wondering if any of these silver cups, tankards, porringers, spoons and rings are still in existence. It is possible that some collection of Colonial relics in Boston may contain one or more of them. The writer would like to possess the Green Tabby Gown and Blue Cloth Riding Hood forever! It's a pity that her "Good Friend," Edward Ladd Sanders (son of her cousin Bridget [Stratton] Sanders) did not place a stone at Copp's Hill in memory of his generous donor.

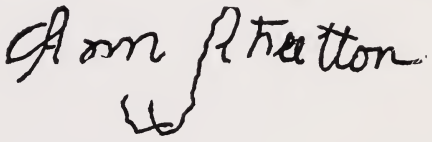
State unto the sd Edward Ladd Sanders, Ann Stamp and Eunice Marshall, their heirs and assigns in equal shares, forever.

Item. I Give, Devise and Bequeath unto the sd Edward Ladd Sanders and the said Eunice Marshall the Whole of my Real and Personal Estates in sd Boston and Elsewhere not herein before Deposed of to be Enjoyed by them, their heirs and assigns in Equal Shares, forever. The said Eliphall Swift, however, to have the Improvement of the Front Chamber of my sd Dwelling House during her Natural Life as afore expresst.

Item. My Will is that my Executor Pay the aforementioned Legacys to the Respective Legatees in Twelve Months after my Decease.

Lastly, I Do Constitute and Appoint my Good Friend the sd Edward Ladd Sanders to be the Sole Executor of this my Last Will and Testament, hereby Revoking All Wills and Testaments by me at any time heretofore made.

In Witness whereof I the said Ann Stratton have hereunto set my hand and Seal this Second day of December Anno Domini One Thousand Seven hundred and Seventy Six.



This will of Ann Stratton is the last mention we have of this family. It will be noticed that her will names no Strattons; all her beneficiaries are descendants of her father's sisters. Some find in this a strong reason for believing that her brothers died without issue. Her sisters, we know, left no descendants. On the other hand, if her brothers, William and John, had died in Boston it is rather strange there is no record of it. If they lived to manhood they must have inherited lands from their father's estate. A thorough study of land titles might locate these lands, and give a clew to their later residence. It *may be* that some of the untraced Strattons in the United States to-day are descended from this interesting line.

CALEB STRATTON OF BOSTON

(*See Chart B*)

1. Caleb Stratton,[1] brother of Bartholomew, was baptized at St. Leonard's, Eastcheap, London, June 10, 1635. (See *Shrivenham Strattons.*) By his father's will, 1647, he was to have £110 at 23 years of age. We know nothing more of him until 1660, when he is in Boston and is styled "a mariner." December 12, 1661, he bought a house and lot of William Hudson, in Boston. July 4, 1662, John Sunderland, attorney for Caleb Stratton, sold this property and Caleb, "having just returned from ye voyage" signed the deed. Some time before 1662 he married **Mary Adams,** daughter of *Alexander* and *Mary* (*Coffin*) *Adams.** In 1665 he seems to be living in Hingham where the birth of his son John is recorded, but in 1675 he is living in Boston. In 1684 his name appears in the division of the estate of his father-in-law, Alexander Adams, and this is the last record we have of him. No will, or any record of his death has been found. His widow died in Boston, February 3, 1698.

Children:

−2 Elizabeth,[2] b. in Boston, Feb. 24, 1665; m. 1st **William Jarvis,** 2d **Solomon Townsend;** d. in 1713; buried at Copp's Hill.

−3 John,[2] b. in Hingham, Mass., July 6, 1670. Birth recorded in Hingham town records. No other mention of him has been found.

−4 Samuel,[2] b. March 3, 1675 (so recorded in the published town records of Boston).†

−5 William,[2] record of whose birth has not been found.

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* Alexander Adams was of Dorchester and Boston. He was a shipwright. His wife was a sister of Tristram Coffin, one of the nine original purchasers of the island of Nantucket. In the settlement of Adams estate in 1684, his son-in-law, Caleb Stratton, was to have the homestead. Mary Adams, wife of Caleb Stratton, was born Jan. 19, 1641, in Boston.

† It may be that this name in the Boston records is an error, and that the son born March 3, 1675, was not Samuel, but William. No other mention of Samuel has been found. Descendants of William have been traced to the present generation. They claim that March 3, 1675, was the birthday of William. The birth of William is not recorded in Boston, but according to Boston deeds William was "only son" of Caleb Stratton in 1703.

5. WILLIAM STRATTON [2] (*Caleb* [1]) was "only son of Caleb Stratton, deceased, and Mary his wife," October 26, 1703. At this date he conveys two-thirds of the homestead and land to Soloman Townsand—"where Townsand now lives, estate of Caleb and Mary Stratton, from their father Alexander Adams;" also two-thirds of "house-hold stuff;" value £48. *Suff. Co. Deeds.*

This homestead was "43 feet frontage on Lane to North Battery." As William was "only son" and possessed two-thirds of his father's estate, it is inferred that his brother (or brothers) died before 1703, without issue. His sister, Elizabeth Townsand, probably owned the remaining one-third. William's name does not again appear in Boston. He was evidently preparing to leave there when he sold his two-thirds of "home-stead and house-hold stuff." We next find him living in Nantucket in 1708, having previously married **Susanna Cartwright**, daughter of *Edward* and *Elizabeth* (*Trott*) *Cartwright.** Their home was in the northern part of the town of Nantucket (the part then called "Sherburn") near where the Jethro Coffin House still stands,—built in 1686. In 1716 the town voted to "build a town house on the hill between William Stratton's and George Burke's.

West of No-Bottom Pond is a winding passway, connecting Duke and Westchester Streets. At the southeast corner of its junction with Westchester Street stood William Stratton's house. It was on the land given him by deed of gift from James Coffin in 1712.

DEED TO WILLIAM STRATTON FROM JAMES COFFIN

Be it known to all men by these presents that I James Coffin of the Island of Nantucket in the province of the Massachusetts bay in New England Esqr being willing to promote the good and welfare of my kinsman William Stratton of the sd Island of Nantucket and for divers other considerations me thereunto moving have given granted infeoffed conveyed and confirmed and do by these presents fully freely and absolutely give grant infeoffed Convey and Confirm unto the said William Stratton half an acre of land on which his house now stands which I had of William

* Susanna Cartwright was born in 1679. The record of her marriage to William Stratton has not been found. It was probably in 1707–8.

Worth Esqr as by his grant bearing date the fourth day of Aprill in the year 1712 may appear the first bound of the sd land beginning at the Swamp to the Southward of the sd Stratton house and running Nine Rods North Northwest Six Rods to the Eastward of the house from thence West Southwest Nine Rods till it comes about one Rod and a half to the Westward of the house from thence South Southeast to the Swamp and along the Swamp to the first bound To have & To hold the sd half acre of land as above bounded to him the sd William Stratton his heirs and assigns to his and their proper use and benefit forever So that the said William Stratton his heirs and assigns may have hold use occupy possess and Injoy the sd land for ever without any let hindrance or molestation by me the sd James Coffin or my heirs or by any other person by our means consent or procurement. In Witness Whereof I the sd James Coffin have hereunto set my hand and seal this fifth day of Aprill anno que Dom 1712.

Signed Sealed and delivered in the presence of us — James Coffin (Seal)

Eleazer Folger Junr
Jonathan Coffin

Nantucket County Records of Deeds.

In another deed, dated "sixth day of the tenth month of the fifth year of the Reign of George of Great Britain, King, Annoque Domini 1718," Jethro Starbuck conveys "one quarter of an acre of land with dwelling house thereon" to William Stratton, Blockmaker.

William Stratton was a Friend. The first "Monthly Meeting" on the Island was in 1708, and the first meetinghouse was on the lot adjoining his home lot.

He died August 28, 1740, intestate.

Children:—*Born in Nantucket.**

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* In 1641 the island of Nantucket was conveyed to Thomas Mayhew by James Forsett, agent to the Earl of Sterling. On July 2, 1659, Mayhew conveyed to nine purchasers all his right to the island for "thirty pounds of current money and two Beaver hats, one for myself and one for my wife."

For the Nantucket Strattons the records of the Island have been searched, including Dr. Folger's manuscripts, which are considered authority on early Nantucket families.

+ 6 Caleb,[3] b. 1708; d. 1786.
– 7 Mary,[3] b. Aug. 1, 1710; d. 1781; m. **Thomas Moore**.
– 8 Elizabeth,[3] b. Aug. 14, 1712; d. Jan. 6, 1780; m. **Daniel Coffin** of Boston (second wife).
– 9 Deborah,[3] b. Jan. 21, 1714; d. 1769; m. **John Coker**, July 31, 1754.
–10 Mariam,[3] b. Feb. 11, 1717; d. 1791; m. **James Perry.**
–11 Hannah,[3] (twin) b. Feb. 11, 1717; m. **John Sherman** of Poungunsett.
–12 John,[3] b. Sept. 19, 1720; "died unmarried." (*Folger.*)

6. CALEB STRATTON [3] (*William*,[2] *Caleb* [1]), was born October 3, 1708, and lived and died in his native town, Nantucket. He was a Quaker, as were many of his descendants. On the "31st of the 11th month (called January) 1728–9" he married **Lois Odar,** daughter of *Anthony* and *Sarah Odar.* He is called "sole administrater" of his father's estate, in a deed in which "Caleb Stratton, chare-maker, in consideration of the sum of one hundred & eighty-five pounds money of the old tenor," conveys to Thomas Brock "the dwelling house and land that was lately my father's William Stratton." This deed is dated "fifteenth day of April in the Nineteenth year of the Reign of our Sovereign lord George the Second by the Grace of God King of Great Brittain, France & Ireland Defender of the faith &c anno que Domini 1746." This was the property which William Stratton bought of Jethro Starbuck in 1718. In 1752 Caleb Stratton and wife Lois and others, convey to David Joy "one Cow common of the Island of Nantucket" which was conveyed to them by their uncle Eleazer. (*Folger.*) By another long and interesting deed (Book 7, p. 15, *Nantucket Deeds*), Jonathan Small, an Indian, conveys to Caleb Stratton, chairmaker, "a certain dwelling house at or Neare a place called Quais," in Nantucket.

Lois Stratton died May 11, 1755, and Caleb married, 2d, **Naomi Long,** who survived him and was living in 1800.

Caleb died December 6, 1786. He left no will.

Children:—*Born in Nantucket.*

–13 Eunice,[4] b. Nov. 9, 1729; d. unm.
+14 Odar,[4] b. 1731.
+15 William,[4] b. 1733.

−16 Susanna,[4] b. Mar. 19, 1735.
+17 Benjamin,[4] b. 1737; d. 1810.
+18 Christopher,[4] b. 1738; d. 1793.
+19 Anthony,[4] b. 1740.
−20 John,[4] b. Jan. 2, 1742; d. at sea—so says the *Friends' Records*. He was probably unmarried.
+21 Caleb,[4] b. 1745.
−22 Sarah,[4] b. Apr. 15, 1747; d. Dec. 25, 1770; m. **Samuel Stanton, Jr.,** in 1766.
+23 Philip,[4] b. 1749.

14. Odar Stratton [4] (*Caleb,*[3] *William,*[2] *Caleb* [1]), born July 27, 1731; married **Margaret Gwinn,** daughter of *David Gwinn* of Salem. She was born July 23, 1729. Folger says they had a daughter, Judith,[5] (24) born July 5, 1757. *Friends' Records* say he was "disowned Nov. 26, 1774." Nothing more has been found concerning him.

15. William Stratton [4] (*Caleb,*[3] *William,*[2] *Caleb* [1]), was born August 10, 1733. He married **Hepsabeth Russell,** daughter of *David Russell,* of Nantucket (date of marriage not found). On the 13th of April, 1787, William Stratton, mariner, deeded to Christopher Stratton "all Right, Title, Interest, Estate Claim & Demands I have on the Island of Nantucket."

Records at Nantucket give nothing more concerning him. *Friends' Records* say that he "Died abroad" but give no date. (See footnote under *William Stratton of Winsor.*) A family record says that his wife Hepsabeth died September 10, 1793, and that they had a son William [5] (25), who married Susan Sherman. Further information concerning him is very much desired.

17. Benjamin Stratton [4] (*Caleb,*[3] *William,*[2] *Caleb* [1]), born April 2, 1737; married **Judith Macy,** December 16, 1758. She was a daughter of *Robert* and *Abigail Macy* and a descendant of *Thomas Macy,* one of the nine "first settlers" of Nantucket. Benjamin was a Friend and, by trade, a cooper.

He owned considerable property on the Island. One tract of land was deeded him by Robert and Abigail Macy "in consideration of the Love, Good Will, and Neaturell afection we have and

bear unto our son-in-law Benjamin Stratton." In November, 1775, he removed to Nine Partners, near Troy, N. Y. His will is recorded in New York City. He died May 3, 1810.

Children:—*Born in Nantucket.*

−26 Eunice,[5] b. Oct. 18, 1759; m. 1st, **Dr. S. Tripp;** 2d, **James Ketchem.**

−27 Elizabeth,[5] b. Apr. 21, 1762; d. in Hudson, N. Y., unm., aged 74 years. Her will names fourteen legatees, most of them children of her brothers.

+28 Benjamin,[5] b. 1764. *See Vol. II.*

−29 Peter,[5] d. in infancy.

−30 Lydia,[5] b. Aug. 27, 1769; m. **Enos Alley** of Long Island. *See Chart B.*

+31 Latham,[5] b. 1775; d. 1849. *See Vol. II.*

18. CHRISTOPHER STRATTON [4] (*Caleb,*[4] *William,*[2] *Caleb* [1]), born April 22, 1738, married **Abigail Harris,** daughter of *John* and *Abigail Harris.* He died October 20, 1793. In his will (*Probate Records,* Nantucket) he gave all his real and personal estate to his wife during life, with full power to sell it should she need it for her support. Only one child is mentioned in the will—a daughter Hepsabeth Stratton, then deceased. At his wife's death the property was to go to his grandsons, Edward Freeman Stratton and Thomas Blin Harris. His wife disposed of the real estate, in 1808, to Paul and Christopher Mitchell.

Children:

−32 Hepsabeth,[5] d. before 1793, mentioned in father's will.

−33 John,[5] name found on a family record.

−34 Ruben,[5] name found on a family record.

Any further data concerning this family would be greatly appreciated.

19. ANTHONY STRATTON [4] (*Caleb,*[3] *William,*[2] *Caleb* [1]) was born October 23, 1730. He married **Hannah Jones,** who was born July 7, 1744. *Friends' Records* say he was "desowned Feb. 30, 1771;" probably for marrying out of the Society. Anthony Stratton, cordwainer, and wife Hannah sold a house and lot in Nantucket, March 19, 1772, after which their names do not appear there. Folger says they had no children. It is thought that they moved to Rhode Island, and were there during the Revolution.

21. Caleb Stratton [4] (*Caleb,*[3] *William,*[2] *Caleb* [1]), born April 27, 1745; married **Charity Chapman** of Rhode Island. He died on board a vessel from London, April 11, 1769. Folger says he had a son Obed [5] (35), born December 15, 1767, who married **Elizabeth Wyler,** and died without issue.

23. Philip Stratton [4] (*Caleb,*[3] *William,*[2] *Caleb* [1]) was born May 2, 1749. He married **Lucretia** (Clark), daughter of *Paul Paddock,* and widow of Seth Clark. Friends' Records says that he moved to Nine Partners, N. Y., February 25, 1775. Folger's manuscript says he had no children.

From pages 95–98 it will be seen that of the eight sons of Caleb Stratton [3] of Nantucket, all of whom lived to manhood, the descendants of only one, Benjamin,[4] have been traced. The compiler has found several families of Strattons having *traditional knowledge* of descent from the Nantucket Strattons, but no authentic records have been found showing from which son they are descended. The descendants of Benjamin [4] have in their possession an old family Bible containing entries which have helped materially in completing the records of that branch. The compiler has hoped—and is still hoping—to find data which shall prove to be the missing links needed to complete the records of other branches of this line—a line whose ancestry goes back to 1530 in the old village of Shrivenham.



An old Stratton House. (*See Vol. II.*)

MAIN STREET, EASTHAMPTON, L. I.

(*Pages* 99–140)

EARLY STRATTONS OF LONG ISLAND

"Our generation passeth away and another generation cometh."
ECCLESIASTES i, 4.

THE town of Easthampton, on the eastern part of Long Island, was settled in 1649. The territory was bought by the governors of the colonies of New Haven and Connecticut, from the Montauk Indians and assigned to the early settlers. Among the nine "first settlers" appears the name of John Stratton. About a year later he was joined by his brother Richard. The two men were prominent among the colonists. Their names appear continually on the town records.

In all the interests and enterprises of the town in its early days they had a part. The home lots of both Richard and John were on the northwest side of the main street, which ran parallel with the coast. Besides these, they owned many other lots of land, some by allotment, in common with other proprietors; others by purchase.* These lands were divided among their children, who in turn continued the division, or sold them to seek homes in other sections. Their sons and daughters married into other families of standing and prominence. The names James, Hedges, Hand, Conkling, Gardener, Osborne, Hull, Huntting, Mulford and Fithian are all well known in the colonial history of Long Island and Connecticut, and with all of them were the early Easthampton Strattons connected by marriage.

The proprietors early attached an importance to the keeping of a record of their "proceedings" and from these faithfully kept records we learn to-day much of the daily life of our ancestors.†

* For allotments of land to Richard and John Stratton, see *Easthampton Town Records*, Vol. II, pages 58–65.

† The first Town Clerk (1650) was Thomas Talmage (ancestor of DeWitt Talmage, D. D.) and the oath administered reads thus:

"In being chosen recorder for the present yeare doe here sware by ye Great and living God yt you will at al times during this yeare for whc you are chosen labour with care and contiontse to record such things as shall be lawfully

The luxuriant wild grasses of the island led the early colonists to give much attention to cattle raising and the records contain many "ear-marks" by which the cattle of the various owners were known; while many sheep were herded on the lands held as "commonage." *

"A True discoverie of the eare markes of every mans ppr marke of their cattell as ffolloweth: viz: Richard Stratton his marke is cropt in the right eare & halfe the fore part of the left eare cut off.

"John Stratton his marke is cropt in left eare & 2 slits Downe the same eare."

E. H. Records.

There was much fishing along the coast, and during the long winter months many engaged in whaling, going on long cruises—from which some never returned. The Strattons it seems were more cautious and went to sea by proxy.

"Bee it known to all men by these presents that I harry Indian and Hecler indian boath of us doe firmly bind and engage our selves to goe to sea for John Stratton senior and John Stratton junior the next winter following the date here of, to kill wheals and to have halfe they gett boath in oyle and boane and to attend all seasons and to doe their labor at sea and on shoar and to save the craft: in witness hereof wee doe sett to our hands and seals the day and year above written.

"Harry Indian his N marke
"Hecler Indian his ꓤ marke

"Signed and sealed in the presents of us
"Joseph Stratton
"Cornelius Stratton March 18, 1680–81.

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acted and ordained by voate also to carefully keepe such things as shall be committed to your trust so near as you can so help you God."

* Memorandam—this agreement made between the owners of ye sheep of this town of Easthampton & John Stratton as followeth: That John Stratton hath agreed that his sonne Steven shall keepe ye sheep & will do his best endeavor that they goe fourth to keeping the present yeare for which the owners of the sheepe doe agree to give to ye sd John Stratton seven shillings six pence by ye week in good pay viz. in wheat part, if it be to be had & Indian Corn, porke or oyle & he shall have of the owners proportionable to the sheep every one hath 30 lbs. of wool. Indian corn to be paid at 3 1s by the bushel & wheat att 4ss 6d his tyme beginning April 13, 1669.

Book B, page 77, *Easthampton Records.*

"Aug. 12, 1683. This Indenture is recorded between Richard Stratton and John Indian son of Wobberton in which said John doth bind himselfe a servant unto ye said Richard Stratton and with him to serve & dwell after the manner of such an apprentice for a term of two years, and to faithfully serve and his commands obey in all places & at all times, as a true & faithful servante ought to doe, & to behave himselfe in Word and deede. For this the said Richard doth engage to pay ye sd John indian 12 pounds in money att, or before the end of the term & to find ye said John sufficient meate and drink. And if ye said John doth goe to sea with consent of Richard Stratton then hee to goe upon halfe share ye said Richard to find boate & craft sutable for a halfe share."

From Easthampton Town Records.

One cannot help wondering if John Indian kept his part of this contract and "behaved himselfe in Word & deede as a faithful servante ought to doe."

The following, also, is a fine specimen of the original spelling and quaint composition of those early records:

"March the 22th 1671–72 Att a Town metinge it is agreed and Concluded between the Towne being one partie and Richard Stretton the other ptie that the sd Richard is to fence the highway that goeth to the Norwest that is the fence that lyeth nexte alonge by his land well and sufficient acordinge as he shall see cause for the securinge of himselfe from all Damage from Cattell according to law and this to be done from time to time and att all times forever. And in consideration of the same The Towne doth give and grant unto the aforesaid Richard Stretton eight acres of land to bee laid out either all the reare of the second lott belonginge to the aforesaid Richard bounded by Thomas Talmage west and Thomas Osburne Junior east or else by another second lott belonginge to the said Richard Stratten which is the westermost or last lott upon that Division either to have eight acres of land upon the side of this aforesaid lott or else in the other place above specified which the aforesaid Richard Stratten shall see best for himselfe uppon the sight and vew thereof. These eight acres of land is granted unto the aforesaid Richard Stratton by the Town forever upon Consideration of the premises above specified."

RICHARD STRATTON OF EASTHAMPTON

(*See Chart C*)

1. Richard Stratton appears first on Easthampton records in 1651.* In 1643 his name is on the "whale list" at Southampton, L. I. Nothing has been found concerning him between these two dates.† He married **Elizabeth Edwards,** daughter of *William Edwards.*‡ His will (a copy of which is in the surrogate office in New York City) is dated April 7, 1674 and proved June, 1676, before the Court of Sessions held in Southold, L. I. He died before August 24, 1675, at which date an inventory of his estate was made.

The town did not record vital statistics. The church records of births, deaths and marriages began in 1697, with Rev. Nathaniel Huntting's pastorate.

WILL OF RICHARD STRATTON [1]

The last will and testament of me, Richard Stratton Sen'r of Easthampton, being in my perfect mind and understanding: First. I give my soule to God who gave it and my body to ye Dust from whence it came, and mine estate as followeth:

1—To my eldest sonne, Richard, I give my two six acres home lotts of the 2nd Division by in next Thos. Osburn, jr. on ye south and to Lieut. Talmage up on the north.

2—To my second sonne, Thomas, I give six acres of land out of my home lott att the rear of its addition, the whole breadth, fronting upon the lane one side and William Ffithean on the other side, and I also give him my six acre lott wich belonged to my one allott'nt lying the farthest lott beyond Abraham Hauks.

3—I give all my land both East and West to my two sonnes above said to be equally divided between them after the decease of my wife Elizabeth Stretton excepting my land at the little plaine and six acres more lying at the two mile hollow.

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* For his birth and ancestry see *Shrivenham Strattons*, this Volume.

† It seems very probable that he spent these six years in Southampton. The records of Southampton during this period are not at all complete.

‡ William Edwards came to Taunton, Mass., as early as 1643, moved from there to Lynn and settled at Easthampton in 1649–50.

4—I give to my four sonnes all the meddow belonging to me and all the commonage and what land may be laid out to me hereafter with all privilege belonging to the said land to be equally divided amongst them.

5—I give my home lotts and my houseing and buildings upon the same to my wife, Elizabeth, during her life and after her deceass to my two youngest sons, Isaac and Benjamin together with all my land att the little plaine and my six acres of land neer the two mile hollow. My will is also that if any of my sonnes die without issue my other children surviving shall have their part of land afore's'd shall have it equally amongst them.

6—I give to my daughter Elizabeth six pounds to be paid her by my executrix (whom I appoint to be my wife Elizabeth) out of my moveable estate when she comes of age or if she lives to be married to be then paid her.

7—I give to my oldest sonne Richard thirty pounds to be paid him by my executrix when he comes att age of 21 years.

8—The overseers of my will I desire to be my father-in-law Will'm Edwards and my brother, John Stretton Sen'r.

Witness my hand and seal

Richard Stretton.

After Richard's death, his widow, Elizabeth, married Thomas Baker of Easthampton and died a widow, January 5, 1704–5.

Children:

+2 Richard,[2] b. about 1655.
+3 Thomas,[2] d. 1704.
+4 Isaac,[2] m. in Easthampton, 1703.
−5 Elizabeth,[2] mentioned in her father's will, after which nothing is known of her.
+6 Benjamin,[2] d. in New Jersey in 1716.

2. Richard Stratton [2] (*Richard* [1]) was not of age at the date of his father's will in 1674; he was of age, however, at the time of his mother's second marriage in 1678,—hence was born between 1653 and 1657. He inherited lands and money from his father's estate in Easthampton.

His name appears from time to time on the records of his native town, where he lived and died. He (probably) married (as early at least as 1580) **Sarah Sturges,** daughter of *John*

Sturges of Fairfield, Conn.,* who in his will dated March 2, 1697, mentions his "Son-in-law, Richard Stratton and his five children by wife Sarah, my daughter." Later he married **Mary** ————, who was his widow in 1602. He died June 7, 1697, as shown by the church records.

Children:

– 7 Solomon,[3] b. 1680–1685.
– 8 David,[3] b.
– 9 Abigail,[3] m. **Daniel Burr,** Nov. 7, 1705.
–10 Hannah,[3] m. **Thomas Chatfield,** May 26, 1707.
–11 Deborah,[3] m. **Eliakim Conkling,** July 22, 1708.
+12 Richard,[3] probably settled in Rehoboth, Mass.

Solomon (7) gave quitclaim deed, in 1706, to certain lands which he had inherited as eldest son. August 9, 1714, David (8) deeded to Thomas Chatfield and Samuel Mulford all the lands and privileges which he had "received by my father Richard Stratton's will except the eight acres willed to me at the end of the home lotts he gave to my brothers Solomon and Richard." † Solomon, by a note on the margin of the deed, admitted David's right to make the deed. Their names then disappear from the records at Easthampton and nothing more is known of them.

QUITCLAIM DEED

Know all men by these presents that I Solomon Stretton, eldest son and heir unto Richard Stretton deceased who was eldest son unto Richard Stretton formaly of Easthampton deceased Do for myself and my heirs forever quit all manner of claim of my right title or interest in or unto all or any of the lands meadows and privileges of commons in Easthampton or at Meautauket that was given by the last will and testament of my grandfather Richard Stretton deceased, unto Isaac Stretton and unto his heirs and assigns forever: I say I do for myself and my heirs forever quit all maner of claim that by law I have or seem to have or any way pretend to have, unto the aforesaid premises as also to a half share of Meautauket; unto the said Isaac Stretton and to his heirs assignees forever without any the least hindrance or

* John Sturges was 37 years old in 1660, at which time he settled in Fairfield, Conn. He married Deborah, daughter of John Barlow.

† This will has not been found although careful search has been made for it.

molostation by or from me the said Solomon Stretton and my heirs forever and I do here for myself and my heirs forever as far as lies in me . . . & confirm the said land meadow and privileges unto the said Isaac Stretton and to his heirs assigns forever as witness my hand and seal set this 19 day of Feb. 1705–6.

the mark of
Solomon S Stretton

3. THOMAS STRATTON [2] (*Richard* [1]) was not yet of age when his mother married the second time. In her marriage contract dated 1678 his mother stipulates that "My son Thomas Stratton shall be paid out of the Estate at ye age of twenty one yeares the sum of twenty pounds in currant pay in the case he continue with me soe long." By his father's will he was given two lots of land in Easthampton.* He married **Mary Miller,** daughter of *John Miller* of Easthampton. This we learn from the will of John Miller, who died in Cohausy, N. J., in 1699. In this will, dated the year of his death, he names his daughter Mary, wife of Thomas Stratton of Easthampton.† As there is no record of this marriage we know nothing of the date of it. It may have occurred as early as 1680. Thomas died in Easthampton, May 26, 1704. His widow was still living there in 1706. No record of a second marriage, or of her death, is found there. She may have followed her father's family to New Jersey.

Children:

−13 Thomas,[3] living in New Jersey, "a minor of 15 years," Sept. 28, 1715, when his uncle, Noah Miller, was appointed his guardian.

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* How these lands were disposed of, deeds do not show, and no will of Thomas Stratton has been found. Many of the early deeds were not recorded, and often wills were not probated. New York State laws admit of the title passing and no deed or will recorded, if the proper owner is in possession of the property and holds the unrecorded deed, or unprobated will—or even proves his relation as "next of kin" to the last known owner.

† Beginning about the year 1690 emigrants began to pass over from Connecticut and Long Island to "New Jersie," and among them were many Easthampton families. It seems more than probable that among these emigrants were Strattons as early, at least, as 1704. John Miller removed with his family from Easthampton to New Jersey before 1699. His will, dated Aug. 23, 1899, is in the archives at Trenton.

Although the records at Easthampton contain nothing more concerning this family, it is quite probable there were other children.

4. Isaac [2] (*Richard* [1]) was named in his father's will, 1674, and nothing further is known of him until November 5, 1703, when he married **Margaret Edwards** in Easthampton. By trade he was a cooper. November 27, 1708, Margaret, "ye wife of Isaac Stratton owned ye covenant" in the church, and on that same day two of her children were baptized. From 1704 to 1710 Isaac Stratton's signature is found to six different deeds by which he disposes of the various lots of land which he owned—by inheritance and purchase, and then his name disappears from the records of his native town, and he has not yet been located elsewhere.

Children:—*Born in Easthampton.*

−14 Sarah,[3] bapt. Nov. 27, 1708.

−15 Isaac,[3] bapt. Nov. 27, 1708.

Also, another child that d. July 25, 1708, "aged about 1 or 2 years."

This family, also, may have moved to New Jersey, where there are early Strattons whose ancestry is yet unaccounted for. Further information is very much desired.

6. Benjamin Stratton [2] (*Richard* [1]) married **Mary** ———, some time before 1698. Their seven children were born in Easthampton and some of their descendants still live there. On the 1st of March, 1704, Benjamin and his brother Issaac, divided the home land left them by their father's last will. This land and other property owned by Benjamin was sold by him, as shown by deeds on record at Easthampton. The last of these deeds is dated September 3, 1715. Very soon after this date he removed with his family to Fairfield, Salem County, N. J., where he died before September 14th of the following year. Letters of administration were granted his widow, Mary Stratton,* Octo-

* Her maiden name has not been found, although careful search has been made for it. A more thorough study of probate records at Riverhead and Trenton might discover her parentage. There is no doubt that she belonged to one of the fine old families of Easthampton. Left a widow, within a year

ber 18, 1716, and the estate was settled April 8, 1717. An inventory of his estate is preserved in the archives at Trenton.

Children:—*Born in Easthampton, L. I.*

−16 Abigail,[3] bapt. Sept., 1699.
+17 Benjamin,[3] d. in New Jersey, 1759.
−18 Mary,[3] bapt. Jan. 2, 1603–4.
+19 William,[3] d. in New Jersey, 1759.
+20 Jonathan,[3] d. in Easthampton, 1760.
+21 Isaac,[3] bapt. May 27, 1711; d. in New Jersey.
+22 David,[3] bapt. Jan. 2, 1615; d. in New Jersey.

All of these children were baptized by Rev. Nathaniel Huntting, pastor of the church at Easthampton for fifty-four years.

12. RICHARD STRATTON [3] (*Richard,*[2] *Richard* [1]) lived for several years after his father's death on the land which he inherited, "ye breadth of his home lot toward the north end being 24 poles and seven foot." The last record of him at Easthampton is December 8, 1711, when his name appears on a list of Freeholders.

February 19, 1718, Richard Stratton married **Rachel Cole,** in Boston. They settled in Rehoboth, Mass., where five sons were born to them, and in that vicinity some of their descendants still reside.* Rehoboth church records say that Richard and Rachel Stratton were "dismissed from Rehoboth Church to Dunstable Sept. 23, 1729." His name appears among the Freeholders of Dunstable, July 6, 1747.

Children:—*Born in Rehoboth, Mass.*

−23 James,[4] b. May 12, 1719.
−24 David,[4] b. Oct. 22, 1721.
+25 Richard,[4] b. Nov. 18, 1724.

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after moving into a new country, with a family of seven young children, among her descendants are men and women well known in the history of her adopted state for their intelligence, patriotism, uprightness of character and Christian activity.

* That Richard of Rehoboth was Richard [3] of Easthampton is based upon family tradition and "circumstantial evidence." There was much intimacy for several generations between the people of Rehoboth and Easthampton, and considerable trade between Rhode Island and Long Island. Anyone better informed on this line will confer a great favor by communicating same to the compiler.

−26 John,[4] b. May 12, 1726; d. Feb. 28, 1730.

−27 Jonathan,[4] b. Aug. 26, 1729.

The History of Lynchborough, N. H., shows that a James and David Stratton appeared there in 1745, in company with Wm. Holt; James settled on Cornelius Tarbell's right; David bought land of Samuel Lemon, December 31, 1745.*

17. Benjamin Stratton [3] (*Benjamin,*[2] *Richard* [1]) was born in Easthampton; baptized in the church there February 22, 1701–2, and moved with his father to New Jersey in 1715–16. November 28, 1723, he married **Abigail Preston,** daughter of *Levi Preston.*† Benjamin lived at Fairfield, where he was an active member of the Presbyterian Church. He died at the age of fifty years. His will, dated July 13, 1751, and proved September 18th of the same year, is on record at Trenton.

ABSTRACT OF WILL OF BENJAMIN STRATTON [3]

To wife Abigail, the use of one-third of home farm and one-third of movable estate. To daughter Abigail Harris 40 shillings (she having received her portion at her marriage). To sons Jonathan & Benjamin Stratton my house, land and tenements, where I now live, and the improvements of all the lands belonging to John Bellap, to be equally divided between them; to Jonathan the land and marsh called Peter's Neck, except a piece of marsh hereafter described; and to son Benjamin all my right and title in the land and marsh called 'Long Island.' To son Preston Stratton my plantation bought of Jeremiah Culver and some marsh in Peter's Neck at the head of the creek (description of land is here given), and £5 when 14; To my three daughters, Freelove, Thomazine, and Elizabeth, £40 each at 18, or marriage. To my two youngest sons, Levi and John £50 each at 14.

Executors, Sons Jonathan and Benjamin.

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* The French were subdued at Louisburg in 1745, and from that time until fresh trouble arose with the French and Indians in 1755 very many families were moving from the older towns to the frontiers, and many new settlements were made in New Hampshire and Vermont.

† The Prestons came from New England and settled in Cumberland County, N. J., as early as 1706.

Children:—*Born in Fairfield, N. J.**

−28 Levi,[4] bapt. Sept. 27, 1724; d. Mar. 28, 1728.
−29 Abigail,[4] bapt. Feb. 25, 1726; m. ——— **Harris** before 1751; d. Apr. 4, 1759.
+30 Jonathan,[4] bapt. Dec. 28, 1728.
+31 Benjamin,[4] bapt. Mar. 21, 1730.
−32 Freelove,[4] bapt. ———, 1733; m. **Ambrose Whitteker.**†
−33 Thomazine,[4] bapt. June 20, 1735; d. 1785.
−34 Elizabeth,[4] bapt. Oct. 28, 1737; d. June 14, 1759.
−35 Preston,[4] bapt. Jan. 1, 1740; d. Apr. 20, 1740.
−36 Preston,[4] bapt. Aug. 8, 1741; d. Nov. 18, 1759. A gravestone to his memory stands in the old Cross-roads Presbyterian graveyard near Fairton, N. J.
+37 Levi,[4] bapt. Mar. 21, 1743.
+38 John,[4] bapt. Nov. 10, 1747.

The records tell us nothing more of Benjamin Stratton (17) but we have good reasons for believing that he was a man of intelligence and energy, a respected and active member of the little community in which he lived. Left fatherless at the age of sixteen years, he early identified himself with the Presbyterian Church at Fairfield,—into which church all his children were baptized; dying a comparatively young man, he had accumulated quite a large property for that early time in New Jersey, and left his wife and children well provided for. Among his descendants is a large proportion of professional men, who have occupied positions of trust and honor. Of the ten Stratton graduates of Princeton College, eight are his descendants.

19. William Stratton[3] (*Benjamin*,[2] *Richard*[1]) was baptized January 13, 1705–6, and was ten years old when his father moved to New Jersey. He married **Phoebe Fithian,** daughter of *Jonathan Fithian*,‡ and lived in Deerfield, N. J. He died in the au-

* Fairfield, N. J., was settled largely by families from Connecticut and Long Island. Almost every family of Easthampton had representatives among the first settlers of this part of New Jersey.

† A family record says that Freelove was named for a sister of her mother—a daughter of Levi Preston. Had Levi Preston other children?

‡ The Fithians came from Easthampton and settled in Salem County, N. J., about 1710.

tumn of 1759. His will, dated July 30, 1759, and probated December 22, is on file at Trenton. In it he mentions his wife, Phoebe, his brother David and the five sons and two daughters named below. His sons Jonathan and Fithian were executors of the will, hence must have been of age in 1759. William was to have the "weaver shop"; Jonathan and Fithian certain lots of land; sons Ephriam and Aaron were to have £50 each at the age of 21.

Children: *

+39 William,[4] d. in 1796.
−40 Jonathan,[4] executor of his father's will.
−41 Sarah,[4] m. ——— **Parvin** before 1759.
−42 Phoebe,[4] m. **John Woodruff** Aug. 15, 1757.
+43 Fithian,[4] executor of his father's will.
−44 Ephriam,[4] d. in 1777. Letters of administration granted Fithian Stratton.
−45 Aaron,[4] of whom nothing has been found after the date of his father's will.

20. Jonathan Stratton [3] (*Benjamin,*[2] *Richard* [1]) was born in Easthampton; baptized June 20, 1708. He was but eight years old when his father died in New Jersey. Some time before he was twenty-two years of age he returned to his native town, where he spent the remainder of his life. January 20, 1730–31, he married **Mahitable Reeves,** daughter of *Abraham* and *Puah Reeves.*† Mahitable, wife of Jonathan Stratton, "owned ye covenant" in

* More data concerning the sons of this family is very much wanted. There was a Jonathan Stratton who married Elizabeth Thackara (or Thackary) in Salem, N. J., March 17, 1779. They settled in Philadelphia, and belonged to the Third Presbyterian Church, and had several children, among them a son, Benjamin Thackary Stratton, whose descendants are traced to the present generation. (See *Vol. II.*) It is thought that this Jonathan was a grandson of William Stratton of Deerfield. Proof is wanted.

Fithian had a nephew, Lot Stratton, who was, also, a Revolutionary soldier, and who settled in Lycoming County, Pa. Later information concerning him is desired; also concerning a Preston Stratton whose name is associated with Fithian, but to whose parentage the writer has found no clew.

† Puah Reeves, after the death of her husband, Abraham Reeves, married John Davis, who in his will leaves much of his estate to his nephew, John Davis, and his daughter-in-law, Mahitible Stratton, and her son Benjamin Stratton.

the church at Easthampton, October 15, 1732. He died May 30, 1766. His widow survived him seventeen years, dying in September, 1783.

Children:

−46 Mary,[4] bapt. Oct. 15, 1732.
−47 Jonathan,[4] bapt. Aug. 11, 1734.*
−48 Abraham,[4] bapt. Oct. 17, 1736; d. Sept. 25, 1738.
−49 Mahitable,[4] bapt. June 8, 1740; d. Aug. 20, 1752.
−50 Abraham,[4] bapt. Apr. 28, 1744; d. young.
+51 Benjamin,[4] d. in Easthampton.

21. ISAAC STRATTON [3] (*Benjamin,*[2] *Richard* [1]) was baptized at Easthampton, May 27, 1711, and was only about four years old when his father moved to New Jersey. He died in Cumberland County, N. J., intestate, at the age of 42 years, and his estate was administered by **Mary** Stratton (undoubtedly his widow), January 5, 1753. No children are mentioned in the administration.

22. DAVID STRATTON [3] (*Benjamin,*[2] *Richard* [1]) was baptized at Easthampton, January 2, 1615. But little is known of him. He seems to have lived for a while at Deerfield, N. J. where he owned land. He is mentioned in his brother William's will in 1759. He married **Elizabeth** ———, who survived him, and was his administratrix, January 14, 1764. In the administration he is said to be "of Stow Creek, Cumberland Co." Nothing further is known of his widow. It is not at all improbable that he left children, although none are named in the administration.†

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* This may be the Jonathan Stratton who died at Easthampton in July, 1759. He may have married Anna Reeves of W. Hartford, April 1, 1754. No trace has been found of any children.

† A David Stratton, whose parentage has not yet been traced, settled in Millville, N. J. He married Sarah (Preston?). They were the parents of five children: Preston, b. Dec. 16, 1773; m. Sarah Bateman. Lydia, m. 1st —— Gaston; 2d, William Osler. Israel, who was associate judge of Cumberland County. Jeremiah, b. Sept. 1, 1779; m. 1st, Zerviah Bateman; 2d, Mrs. Margaret Buzby; was justice of the peace and county judge. Sarah, m. Enos Woodruff.

The descendants of David of Milville have been very fully traced. Any clew to his parentage will be very much appreciated, both by his descendants and by the compiler. For his descendants see *Vol. II.*

25. Richard Stratton [4] (*Richard,*[3] *Richard,*[2] *Richard* [1]) was born in Rehoboth, Mass., November 18, 1724. He married **Sarah Newell,** February 7, 1750. Town records show that he lived in Attleboro and Foxboro, Mass., and Cumberland, R. I.,—yet he may have lived all his life in one house, for these three towns, and several others, were comprised in Ancient Rehoboth, and the boundaries between them have only recently been established. Deeds of Suffolk County show that he bought a piece of land in Wrentham in 1772. His will, in Suffolk County probate office, was made June 19, 1778, and proved August 21st of same year. It names only his wife Sarah and son James who is to settle with the rest. His wife survived him twenty-eight years, dying December 27, 1806.

In a small cemetery near Foxboro, surrounded by woods and known to but few, are several Stratton gravestones,—one bears this inscription:

In memory of
Richard Stratton
who died of ye small pox June 21, 1778 in ye 53rd year of his age.
"How suddenly I leave behind
My children dear and wife so kind,
But Heaven's Decree with Joy obey
And wait the Resurrection Day."

Near by stands a stone to the "memory of Mrs. Sarah Stratton, widow of Mr. Richard Stratton, who died in the 78th year of her age."

Children:—*Births recorded in Foxboro and Attleboro, Mass.*

+52 James,[5] b. 1751; d. 1809. See *Vol. II.*
−53 John,[5] b. July 7, 1753; d. Aug. 15, 1753.
−54 Rachel,[5] b. June 28, 1754.
+55 George,[5] b. 1756; d. 1817. See *Vol. II.*

Births recorded in Cumberland, R. I.

−56 Sarah,[5] b. Oct. 20, 1758; m. **Eben Fisher, Jr.,** Mar. 25, 1790, and removed to Holden, Me., and d. Aug. 15, 1848.
+57 Lemuel,[5] b. 1761; d. 1816. See *Vol. II.*
−58 Richard,[5] b. July 23, 1763.
+59 Robert,[5] b. 1765; d. 1842. See *Vol. II.*

−60 Cynthia.[5]
+61 David,[5] b. Mar. 1768. See *Vol. II.*
+62 Joseph,[5] b. 1769; d. 1806. See *Vol. II.*

30. JONATHAN STRATTON [4] (*Benjamin,*[3] *Benjamin,*[2] *Richard* [1]) was baptized in Fairfield, N. J., December 28, 1728. He married **Abigail Buck,** Feburary 19, 1754. She was born May 4, 1730, and died, two years after her marriage, May 24, 1756. He then married **Catherine Marshall.**

Children:—*Born in Fairfield, N. J.*
−63 Ruth,[5] bapt. Dec. 18, 1754.
−64 Jonathan,[5] bapt. Jan. 19, 1757. *See footnote under Wm. Stratton* [3] (19).
−65 Catherine,[5] bapt. April 19, 1759.

31. BENJAMIN STRATTON [4] (*Benjamin,*[3] *Benjamin,*[2] *Richard* [1]) lived at Pittsgrove, N. J. He was baptized in the Presbyterian church at Fairfield, March 21, 1731 (another record says that this was the date of his birth). He married **Sarah Austin** of Boston, October 9, 1752. His will (Trenton, Liber 9, p. 367) was made February 9, 1759, and probated June 6, 1759. This will describes him as being "sick and weak" and says the plantation is to be equally divided between his sons Benjamin and James. Witnesses, Henry Brooke, Jonathan Smith, Peter Austin. He died on the 26th of March. His widow married Thomas Ogden, of Fairfield.*

Children:—*Born in Fairfield, N. J.*
−66 Benjamin,[5] b. Oct. 2, 1753. Was this the Benjamin Stratton who died in Salem County, intestate, letters of administration to Israel Bowen, May 24, 1802?
−67 Sarah,[5] b. Oct. 2, 1753.
+68 James,[5] b. 1755; d. 1812. Built Stratton Hall, Swedesborough, N. J. He was the father of Governor Charles C. Stratton. See *Vol. II.*

37. LEVI STRATTON [4] (*Benjamin,*[3] *Benjamin,*[2] *Richard* [1]) was

* Sarah Austin was born July 26, 1730, and died Nov. 1, 1804. Thomas Ogden (1720–85) was a descendant of John Ogden, who came from England in 1640; moved from Southampton, L. I., to Elizabeth, N. J., and was the first Governor of New Jersey.

born in Fairfield, 1743. He married **Abigail Powell.** May 3, 1778, he united with the Presbyterian church at Fairfield and in 1790 was a ruling elder. His wife died December 18, 1785, in the 44th year of her age. He died, February 15, 1792, intestate, and his estate was administered by his brother, John Stratton. Stones to their memory are standing in the Old Stone Churchyard at Fairfield.

Children:—*Born in Fairfield, N. J.*

−69 Sarah,[5] b. April, 1775; m. **Ruben Buck.** Their daughter, Sarah Buck, m. Levi Stratton, son of John (38) and Eleanor (Leake) Stratton.

+70 Daniel Powell,[5] b. 1784; d. 1840. Lived at Bridgeton, N. J. See *Vol. II.*

38. John Stratton[4] (*Benjamin,*[3] *Benjamin,*[2] *Richard*[1]) was but four years old when his father died in 1751. May 3, 1762, Joseph Dayton was appointed his guardian. He married, April 5, 1775, **Eleanor Leake,** daughter of *Nathan Leake* of Deerfield.* They lived for several years at Fairfield and were members of the Presbyterian church there. Mr. Stratton was a zealous Whig. In 1783 he removed to Deerfield, where he was a justice of the peace, and a ruling elder. At the time of his death he was a member of the Pittsgrove Presyterian church. He died in 1814 a much esteemed citizen; his wife survived him but one month. Tombstones bearing the following inscriptions, mark their graves in the Pittsgrove churchyard:

In memory of
Mr. John Stratton
Who departed this life in peace and comfort, Feb. 11, 1814, aged
66 yrs. 3 mos and 1 day
"The righteous have hope in Christ."

In memory of
Mrs. Eleanor Stratton
Who departed this life in peace and joy, March 9, 1814, aged 62 yrs. 5 mos and 19 days.

* According to Judge Elmer in *Brief Notices of Old Residents of Cumberland* John Stratton married, 1st, Abby Leake and 2d, Eleanor Leake, sister of Abby. They were the only daughters of Nathan Leake, grandson of Recompence Leake, who moved from Long Island to Deerfield, N. J., about 1732.



Stratton Hall, Swedesboro, N. J.

Built in 1794. Birthplace and home of Hon. Charles Creighton Stratton, Governor of New Jersey in 1845–48. (*Page* 113.)



Home of Dr. John Leake Stratton

At Mount Holley, N. J.

(72, *Chart C; see page* 115)

"For we know that of our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God an house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens."

Children:—*Born in Fairfield, N. J.*

−71 Elizabeth,[5] b. 1776; d. 1777.

+72 John Leake,[5] b. 1778; d. 1845. Lived at Mt. Holly, N. J. See *Vol. II.*

−73 Gilbert Tennent,[5] b. Feb. 6, 1781; d. at the age of 26 years, unm.; gravestone at Pittsgrove.

Born in Deerfield, N. J.

+74 Nathan Leake,[5] b. 1786; d. 1862. Lived at Bridgeton, N. J. See *Vol. II.*

+75 Levi,[5] b. 1791; d. 1838; m. **Sarah Buck** daughter of *Ruben* and *Sarah* [*Stratton* (69)] *Buck*. See *Vol. II.*

39. WILLIAM STRATTON[4] (*William*,[3] *Benjamin*,[2] *Richard*[1]) lived in Deerfield, N. J., where he was a blacksmith by trade and owned real estate which he inherited from his father. The date of his birth is not known, but he seems to have been married before 1759, when his father refers to "my son William and his family." He married **Rebecca** ————. He died March 26, 1796.

Children:—*Born in Deerfield, N. J.*

+76 William,[5] d. Feb. 2, 1812. Settled in Philadelphia. See *Vol. II.*

There were probably other children, who settled in Philadelphia, and other parts of Pennsylvania. Proof of this is much desired.

43. FITHIAN STRATTON[4] (*William*,[3] *Benjamin*,[2] *Richard*[1]) was born in 1738. He married **Ruth** (or **Sarah?**) **Buck,** and lived at Deerfield, N. J., where he was an active member of the Presbyterian church. About 1781 he was disciplined by his church, for "consorting with the methodist." Later, he joined the Methodist church and became a local preacher in that denomination. He was an adjutant in Col. Enos Seeley's Battalion, New Jersey State Troops. He died October 26, 1817, and is buried in the Presbyterian churchyard at Deerfield, where a tombstone stands to the memory of Rev. Fithian Stratton. Poulson's *Am. Advertiser* (Phila.), of January 27, 1825, has this obituary notice: "Mrs. Sarah Stratton, widow of Rev. Fithian Stratton died 1st mo. 26."

51. Benjamin Stratton [4] (*Jonathan,*[3] *Benjamin,*[2] *Richard* [1]) was born in Easthampton, L. I. The record of his baptism has not been found. In 1770 he was the only one living of the six children of his parents. But little is known of him. He was probably the Benjamin Stratton who died in Easthampton June 28, 1781. He married **Mary (Havens?)**

Children:

−77 Diana.[5]

+78 Benjamin,[5] moved to Saratoga County, N. Y. See *Vol. II.*

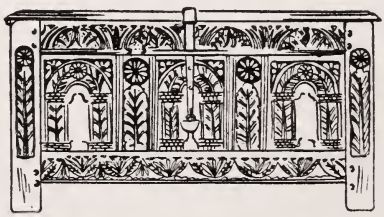
−79 Mary.[5]

+80 Jonathan,[5] bapt. Feb. 19, 1769; d. 1833. Lived in Easthampton. See *Vol. II.*

More information concerning Benjamin [4] is very much desired. The vital records at that period were but imperfectly kept. His old home is still standing, and is one of the landmarks of his native town. It is believed to be the home of his parents from the date of their marriage in 1730.

The descendants of Jonathan [5] continued to live there to the present generation—esteemed citizens of the town of which their ancestor was one of the founders in the old colonial days.

As far as can be learned from records at Easthampton, the Strattons of this branch are the only descendants of Richard Stratton [1] who continued to live there after the third generation.



An Oak Chest Belonging to One of the Descendants of Richard Stratton.[1]

Tradition says, "Brought from England by Richard Stratton in 1643."

JOHN STRATTON OF EASTHAMPTON

(See Chart D)

1. JOHN STRATTON was at Easthampton, L. I., as one of its "first settlers" in 1649. It is possible that he came to Southampton with his brother Richard as early as 1644.*

His name stands fifth on the list of founders of the town, and from the first he was a prominent man among the settlers. In 1652 the boundaries of his home lot are given in the town records as follows:

"John Straton ffour ackers upon the litel plaine be it more or lesse bounded by the hie way South and Thomas Talmage junior West and on the North parte agt Luke Lillie and part agt Richard Straton: and the hie way East"

As son of William Stratton of Tenterden, he would have been twenty-eight years old when he came to Easthampton, and by his father's will (see page 65) would have received £120, or about $1200 at the age of twenty-three. He acquired considerable real estate on Long Island which by his will he divided among his nine children.

His four sons lived and died at Easthampton and he has descendants living there to-day.

He was one of the few men of the town who owned servants. In the inventory of his personal estate at the time of his death are "2 negro and childe." One of these he willed to his daughter, Ruth White. The other two, according to a family tradition, were given their freedom. Two of his children were born before he came to Easthampton. Before 1645 he married **Sarah** ————, whether in England or America is not

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* For his ancestry see *Shrivenham Strattons*, this Volume. Also, see *Early Strattons of Long Island*.

Howell's *History of Southampton* says: "John Stratton had a grant of land in 1644, not here in 1649 but one of the settlers of Easthampton in that year."

The records at Southampton give no evidence of a John Stratton ever having lived there. If this grant was to John, brother of Richard Stratton, he probably returned to England, and remained there until about 1649. William Stratton of Tenterden, in his will, 1647, mentions his son John and says nothing to indicate that he is not in England.

Bond, Savage and others supposed this grant at Southampton was to John Stratton of Salem. Much unsuccessful search has been made for any proof of this theory.

known. On March 1, 1664, he was one of the deputies sent by Easthampton to Hampstead to declare loyalty to the British Government. He was made executor of his brother Richard's will in 1674. His own will, dated August 30, 1684, was proved before the Court of Sessions held in Southampton, March 16, 1685. One of the witnesses to this will is Rev. Thomas James, first pastor of the church at Easthampton.

WILL OF JOHN STRATTON

The last will and testament of mee John Stratton, Sen'r, of Easthampton, in Suffolk County, upon Long Island in America, being at this present through gods mercy of perfect mind and understanding I give my soule to god who gave it and bequeath my body to ye dust from whence it came and my Estate as followeth:

1st I give to my beloved wife Sarah the south end of my house wholly from bottom to ye topp of it dureing her life, and halfe my home lott and addition to it dureing her life, and I give to her dureing her life halfe my cloase lying by the side of ye pond called Hook pond, also my will is shee shall have for her use dureing her life my peice of meadow I formerly bought of George Miller, Sen'r, lying at ye North West, also my will is my wife dureing her life shall have the use of all my goods lying within doors, and after all this to be disposed of according as I apointe in this my will.

2dly my will is my eldest son John Stratton shall have my hous I live in and barne (viz) one half of my dwelling hous, being the north end of it, dureing his mother's life, and after mine and her decease the whole shall be his and his heires forever, also I give to him halfe my home lott and the addition to it dureing his mother's life, and after mine and her decease the whole lott and addition to it shall be his and his heires forever. Also I give to my son Jno. and his heires halfe my cloase lying by Hook pond, that parte next Jerimiah Miller's lott, also I give to him and his heires thirteen acres of land lying at Wainscott (viz) six acres of land to adjoyne to ye seven acres I formerly gave him, this to come downe to ye beach, also I give unto ——— the nine acres he hath already fenced in eastward, also I give unto this my son John my woodland lott lying by William Mulford's lott eastward and Mr. Mul-

ford westward, being ten acres or thereabouts, also I give unto my son John and his heires besides the meadow he hath possion of, all my meadow at wapeack and at akkabowak, also I give unto him halfe my lott of meadow I had of Jerrimy Conkline, lying at ye northwest, also I give to this my son John comonage soe much as comes to a share of a thirteen acre lott, both at ye towne and at montaukut; be it further known my will is that after my decease my son John shall take possession of halfe my house and lott at home as aforesaid upon this condition hee deliver up the house hee now lives in and the home lott and adittion to it to ye possession of his brother ——— Stratton as I shall further apoint.

3dly I give to my 2d son Joseph fifty acres of land, more or lesse, lying at Wainscot (viz) all my land there undisposed of to my son John as aforsd. Also I give unto him two percells of meadow, one lying at ye north-west, the one by the west creek next Capt. Talmages meadow, the other percell lying with Capt. Talmage undivided, this land aforesd. I give to him and his heires forever.

4ly I give to my 3d son Stephen thirty-one acres of land lying in ye woods, bounded upon the south by Robert Dayton's lott, upon ye west by William Mulford's lott and the highway north, to him and his heires forever. Also I give him six acres of land more eastward, lying upon the plaine near the Indian Well, alsoe I give unto him and his heirs six acres and a halfe a land lying upon the Easterneplaine by Goodman Bishop's lott, upon the east; also I give this my son Stephen that percell of meadow is mine lying at ye little northwest by Samuell Parson's meadow. Also I give to him half my meadow at ye great northwest lying by Sam'll Mulfords meadow.

5ly I give to my 4th son Cornelius Stratton the house home lott and adition my son John now lives upon, to him, and the heires of his body to take possession of it at his marriage or after my decease; alsoe I give unto him after mine and my wife's decease half my cloase lying at hoock pond north, alsoe I give to this my son Cornelius and his heirs forever my ten acre cloase lying eastward, now fenced in, lying by Stephen Hedges lott. Also I give unto him six acres of land I bought formerly of Jermy Meecham, lying by Mr. Mulford's lott east; also one acre of land lying south of hoock pond by Tho. Osborne's lott west; alsoe I give him three acres and halfe more lying upon the Mill plaines; also I give him a

percell of meadow at little northwest, bounded by Stephen Hedges upon the south; alsoe half apeice of meadow at ye great norwest lying by Sam'll Mulford south; also another percell of meadow lying upon the east side of ye norwest, the part being his brother John's as aforesd; alsoe a percell of meadow after my wife's decease, which I bought of Georg Miller.

6ly I give to my grand child Joseph Hand my three acres and halfe and sixteen pole of land lying north of Samuell Parson's cloase; alsoe foure acres of land lying by Tho Bee's Lott, he not to have this land aforesaid untill he comes at age, neither shall hee allinate or dispose of it anyway without ye advice and consent of his father Stephen Hand and his uncles John and Stephen; alsoe I give him twenty pounds out of my estate, to be paid him by my Executors one year after mine and wife's decease, in good current pay and price, he not to dispose of it without advice and consent as aforesd, of his father and my two sons.

7ly I give to my daughter Abigaile, wife of Henry Norris, ten pounds out of my estate to be paid by my executors after mine and wife's decease in good pay and price current within one year as aforesd.

8ly I give to my daughter Rebeka Busnell twenty pounds after mine and wife decease, to be paid her at price current in good pay within a year by my executors.

9ly I give to my daughter Ruth White my negro girle called Hager and five pounds besides out of my estate, to be paid aforesd, to my other daughters.

10ly I give to my son Joseph Stratton ten pounds out of my estate, to be paid as aforesaid to my daughters.

11—I give to my grand child Steven Hand five pounds to be paid by my executors in maner as aforesaid.

12—I give to my grandchild Stephen Hedges five pounds, to be paid in maner as aforesd.

13—I give to my son John all debts and leagacyes paid: a duble portion of moveable goods, both within doors and without, after his mother's decease.

14—I give to my two younger sons Stephen and Cornelious all debts and Leagacyes paid the remainder of my moveable goods, after their mother's decease, to be equally divided between them, and the remainder of my comonage I will to be disposed of to my

three sons Joseph, Stephen and Cornelius both that at the towne and montauket.

15—Also my will is if any of my sons aforesaid should decease without any heirs of their body lawfully begotten the land bequeathed as aforesaid to any of them, shall goe to my other sons shall survive or their heires, to be devided in equal shares amongst them; due consideration being allowed for what charges hath been layd out by any one of them upon the lands aforesaid.

16—My will is my three sonns John, Stephen and Cornelious together with their mother, soe long as shee lives, be executors of this my will and testament.

Lastly I desire Stephen Hedges and Stephen Hand to be overseers of this my will, with due consideration to be paid them by my executors for what pains and charge they may be at concerning it, and in confirmation of this my will and testament I set to my hand and seale this 30th day of August, Anno Domini 1684.

JOHN STRATTON.

Signed, sealed in presence of us
Thomas James, Stephen Hand.

The exact date of John Stratton's death is not known, but it was before March 12, 1685–6, as an inventory of his estate bears that date. This was presented, with the will, to the Court of Sessions.*

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* March the 12: 1685–6, the inventory of John Stratton's Estate:

	£	*s.*	*d.*
9 pewter platters, 2 quart potts and 3 small bassons and 2 old potts, the rest of the things being old	2	8	0
2 brass kettles, one of them old	5	0	0
3 candle sticks, 2 of them old	0	4	6
2 pairs of fire tongs and a gridiron	0	7	0
1 brass ladle and a choping knife	0	4	0
1 old driping pan, 1 old kan	0	2	0
1 tub, 1 churn, 1 wheele	0	13	0
8 old chayres, two table and form	1	05	0
Beding blankets and sheets	7	14	0
2 negro and childe	50	0	0
7 potts, cettles and scellets	03	5	0
Cart and plow takleing, being all old	03	10	0
1 grindstone 12*s*, boules, keelers and pailes 11*c*	01	3	0
3 howes, 2 tramils 12*s*, 1 old wheel 2*s*, a musket 7*s*	1	1	0

Children:

+ 2 John,[2] b. about 1645.
− 3 A daughter, who m. **Stephen Hand,** and d. before 1684, leaving children.
+ 4 Joseph,[2] b. 1649; d. 1722.
+ 5 Stephen,[2] d. 1697.
+ 6 Cornelius,[2] d. 1704.
− 7 Abigail,[2] m. **Henry Norris.**
− 8 Rebecca,[2] m. ——— **Bushnell.**
− 9 A daughter, who m. **Stephen Hedges** before 1684.
−10 Ruth,[2] m. **James White,** in Southampton, Nov. 24, 1675.

2. John Stratton [2] (*John* [1]) was about four years old at the date of the first mention of his father in Easthampton. He may have been born in England—or in Southampton. He early became a prominent man in the colony where his name appears many times on the records, and he is usually styled "Mr John Stratton," showing the respect and esteem in which he was held by his townsmen.

By his father's will he became possessed of seven lots of land "with commonage both in ye town and at Montauket, besides one half of the dwelling house and home lot, while his mother lived and the whole of it after her death, with a double portion of movable goods both indoors and out." In 1694 he was chosen collector for the town. He married **Mary James,** daughter of *Rev. Thomas James.** Both he and his wife were members of the church at

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9 cowes 18£, 2 oxen 6£, 10*s*	24	10	0
2 steers 6£, 6 more small cattle 10£, 8*s*	16	8	0
6 more young cattle 7, 10*s*	07	10	0
6 calves 4£, 1 mare, one horse, 1 yearling horse 6£	10	0	0
36 sheep 8£ 10, 8 small swine 40*s*	10	10	0
By Stephen Hand and Stephen Hedges. } The Totall	145	14	6

* Rev. Thomas James, son of Rev. Thomas James of Lincolnshire, Eng., came to America in 1632 in the ship "William and Francis"; was pastor of the church at Easthampton for forty-six years. Of him Hon. H. P. Hedges says: "Minister James understood the Indian language; some t mes instructed the Indians, preached to them and acted as interpreter. He was learned, resolute, just, sincere, fearless, active, a powerful personality."

Easthampton when Nathaniel Huntting became its pastor, and their son, John, was baptized by him.

On the church records Mary's death is thus recorded: "Feb. 14, 1718. The wife of Mr. John Stratton died a little before midnight aged about 64 yrs." Seventeen years later is this record: "Feb. 19, 1735–6. Mr. John Stratton died about 7 of ye clock, aged about 90 years."

Children:

−11 A child,[3] not named; d. Jan. 7, 1696–7.
−12 Esther,[3] d. April 20, 1707.
+13 John,[3] bapt. Dec. 10, 1699.

That there were children older than these is quite possible, but the records at Easthampton contain nothing to indicate it.

4. JOSEPH STRATTON [2] (*John* [1]) died at Easthampton, December 23, 1722, "att 10 of ye clock in ye morning, aged 73 years." In 1683 his estate at Easthampton was valued at £100. The name of his first wife is not known. She died April 3, 1714.

His second wife, **Sarah,** was left a widow at his death. His will, dated October 8, 1722, names no sons. It mentions his "present wife, Sarah," with whom a marriage settlement had been made October 28, 1714, which she accepted in lieu of all claim for dower. His estate, real and personal, he leaves in about equal shares to his two daughters, with small legacies to his three grandchildren, children of his daughter, Martha Conkling.

Children:

−14 Hannah,[3] m. ——— **Jessop.**
−15 Martha,[3] m. **Ananias Conkling,** Apr. 3, 1701.

The will of Joseph [2] is on file at Riverhead. There is nothing in it to indicate that there were any other children.

5. STEPHEN STRATTON [2] (*John* [1]) is named as one of the executors of his father's will in 1684. He married **Hannah Reeves,** daughter of *Robert* and *Elizabeth* (*Mott*) *Reeves* of Hartford, Conn.* The date of this marriage is not known. It may have been as

* Elizabeth was a daughter of *John Mott,* one of the first settlers of Weathersfield, Conn.

early at least at 1680, though there is nothing in his father's will to show that he was married in 1684.

Two years after his death his widow, Hannah, married Isaac Halsey of Southampton, December 11, 1699. His death is thus recorded on the church books at Easthampton: "Died April 8, 1697, Stephen Stratton, abt. break of day."

Child:

+16 John,[3] d. in Easthampton, 1775, date of birth not known.

Easthampton records show no other children, but as the births earlier than 1696 were not recorded, there may have been others. If so they must have left Easthampton, and may have settled in Connecticut among their mother's relatives.

6. Cornelius Stratton [2] (*John* [1]) was the youngest son of John Stratton. In his father's will he is named as one of the executors. This may, or may not, indicate that he was of age at that time. The will shows that he was not married at that date. At his marriage, or after his father's decease, he was to have the "house home lott and addition," then occupied by his eldest brother, John. The date of his marriage has not been found, but on the probate records at Fairfield, Conn., there is plenty to show that he married **Martha Hull,** daughter of *Cornelius Hull* of Fairfield.

Fairfield Probate Records, Volume 1689–1701, *page* 126. Will of Cornelius Hull of Fairfield, dated September 16, 1695, contains a bequest to "my daughter Martha the wife of Cornelious Stratton seventy acres of my long lot."

Fairfield Land Records, Volume 3, *page* 393, Joseph Stratton and Samuel Stratton of Huntington, L. I., sell one half of 70 acres "which was our Grandfather Levt Cornelius Hulls late of Fairfield deceased the whole seventy acres was given by him to our Mother Martha Straton of Easthampton on said Long Island his daughter." Dated April 15, 1718.

Cornelius Stratton may have lived in Connecticut for a while after his marriage, and his widow returned there after his death. In 1699 he was living at Easthampton and owned "ye covenant" in the church there, and his son Samuel was baptized. Cornelius died in Easthampton March 27, 1704.

Children:

+17 Joseph,[3] date of birth not known.

+18 Eliphalet,[3] d. 1753, aged about 55 yrs.

+19 Samuel,[3] b. 1699; d. 1791.

−20 Rebecca,[3] bapt. Aug. 8, 1703; lived in Connecticut, but d. in Easthampton, Feb. 3, 1721, while on a visit to her brother Eliphalet.

From Fairfield Probate Records:

"There being two of the sons of Cornelious Straton late of Long Island dec'd being providentially Cast into this Govermint and there being no persons in Law to take the care of them and one of them namely Samuell Straton being under age for Chooseing his Gardian the Court of Probates held in Fairfield december 6: 1710 do therefore make Choice of And Appoint his Unckle Samuell Hull of Fairfeild to be his Gardian." Vol. 1702–1750.

"Joseph & Sam[ll] Stratten were by a Court of Probate held in Fairfield august y[e] 28[th] 1727 appointed Admrs on y[e] Estate of their Mother Martha Adams Late of Huntington decd. & they have given bond with surety on file." Vol. 1724–1729, p. 32.

13. JOHN STRATTON[3] (*John,*[2] *John*[1]) was born December 10, 1699. Nothing more is known of him until his marriage to **Amy Conkling,** December 29, 1719. Two years later is this church record at Easthampton: "Died, Sept. 29, 1721, John Stratton jr. son of Mr. John Stratton, aged about 22 years." His widow, Amy, married Mathew Dayton in Easthampton, 1725.

Children:—*Born in Easthampton.*

+21 John,[4] bapt. Oct. 8, 1721.

16. JOHN STRATTON,[3] "weaver" (*Stephen,*[2] *John*[1]) married **Elizabeth Smith,** daughter of *Nathaniel Smith,* a prominent citizen of that region. She was born in 1698, and died March 30, 1765. They lived on a farm near Easthampton. In 1728 he was constable at Easthampton. His uncle, John Stratton[2] (John[1]), in a quitclaim deed dated 1698, refers to him as "John Stratton, junior, son of Stephen." This was the year after the death of Stephen, and the year before the birth of John[3] son of John Stratton.[2] After this John, son of Stephen, is often called "John Stratton jr" both in church and town records.

June 16, 1717, "John Stratton, jr., owned ye covenant, also his wife."

In 1775 he was sergeant-major in a regiment of volunteers in Suffolk County. In April of that year he declared his loyalty to Continental Congress. He died July 21, 1775.

Children:—*Births recorded on Easthampton church records.*

−22 Hannah,[4] bapt. June 16, 1717; m. **Timothy Miller,** June 30, 1741.

−23 Phebe,[4] bapt. Mar. 15, 1719.

+24 Stephen,[4] bapt. Jan. 15, 1721.

−25 Amy,[4] bapt. July 14, 1723.

+26 John,[4] bapt. Oct. 17, 1725.

−27 Smith,[4] bapt. July 16, 1727; received into the church at Easthampton in 1754; graduated at Princeton, N. J., 1755; became a Presbyterian minister; d. Mar. 8, 1758; buried at Southold, where a stone stands to his memory.

−28 Samuel,[4] bapt. Mar. 23, 1729, of whom further information is wanted.

+29 Mathew,[4] bapt. July 4, 1730.

−30 Joseph,[4] bapt. June 10, 1733; d. May 2, 1734.

−31 Elizabeth,[4] bapt. Oct, 12, 1734; d. aged 8 mo.

−32 Henry,[4] bapt. Dec. 11, 1737; d. Aug. 10, 1738.

John [3] made his will "May ye 7, A. D. 1759"; a copy of it is on record in New York City Surrogate Office. He wills to "wife Elizabeth ½ of all lands, likewise north end of dwelling house with use of linter fireplace and oven, with all privilages there unto belonging. Likewise ½ of all my cattle and ⅓ of all my sheep and half the privilage of the orchard. Likewise all my furniture, except my desk, weaving-loom, wrench, books, reed and gnees, wool combs and my family utensils. The rest to be to her my said wife during her natural life. Son Mathew to have certain lands and all articles mentioned above." There are legacies, also, to sons Stephen, John and Samuel; and daughters Hannah, Phebe, Amy and Elizabeth.

17. Joseph Stratton [3] (*Cornelius,*[2] *John* [1]) was born before 1696. After his father's death in 1704, he and his brother Samuel lived at Fairfield, Conn., with their mother's people. In 1717

Joseph bought land in Huntington, L. I., and settled there. He married **Elizabeth** ———, whether in Fairfield or Huntington has not been learned. He made his will in 1749 and died in Huntington in 1751.

Children:—*Born in Huntington, L. I.*

−33 Rebecca,[4] m. **James Chichester,** May 30, 1745.
−34 Elizabeth,[4] m. **Epenetus Bryan,** Dec. 24, 1739.
+35 Joseph,[4] bapt. Nov. 19, 1724.
+36 John [4] bapt. Oct. 22, 1727.
−37 Martha,[4] m. **John McGear,** June 9, 1753.
−38 Stephen,[4] bapt. Dec. 10, 1732.*
−39 Anne,[4] bapt. Nov. 24, 1734; m. **Daniel Sherwood** of Greenfield.
+40 Cornelius [4] bapt. Apr. 3, 1737.

WILL OF JOSEPH STRATTON†

1749

In the name of God, Amen. I Joseph Stratton of Huntington in the County of Suffolk and Colony of New York being of sound and perfect mind memory and understanding but calling to mind the mortality of my Body and that it is appointed for all men once to die do make ordain constitute and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following (that is to say) first of all I commit my Soul to God that gave it and my Body to the earth to be buried in a Christian like manner and touching such worldly estate as God hath bestowed upon me I give devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form: Imprimis I will and order that all such debts as I owe in Law or Conscience be paid and satisfied by my hereafter named executors in some convenient time after my decease.

Item I give and bequeath to my dearly beloved wife Elizabeth Stratton a Bed and furniture and twenty pounds in money to her and her assign to be raised out of my moveable estate and the use of all my Lands and Meadow (except eight acres which I shall hereafter give to my son Joseph Stratton in a Deed of sale) with

* A Stephen Stratton married **Jane Eustick** at West Farms, Conn., in 1778. He has not yet been identified.

† Surrogate's Office, New York City, Book 18, *Record of Wills*, page 47.

all my Buildings so long as she continues my widow but if she will not except of said Bed furniture and the use of my Lands Meadow and buildings in stead of her thirds or widow Right then my will is that she shall have no more of my estate than the Law will allow her. Item I give and bequeath to my beloved son Joseph Stratton that piece of Land being about half an acre at the west end of my home Lott wherein his Tanfatt is fixed and eight acres of my field called the old Field on the north side thereof and one third of a hundred right in the Commons of huntington to him his heirs and assigns. Item I give and Bequeath to my beloved son John Stratton twenty acres of Land in the eastern purchase . . . in the second Tere of Lotts and Ten acres of Land on the plains Eastward of the Newfound pond joyned on the east to the Land laid out to the right held by Eliphalet Jarvis to him his heirs and Assigns forever. Item I give and Bequeath to my beloved son Stephen Stratton the half of that Meadow Lott at the South end which I bought of William Jarvis also all the Land I have Southward upon the plains lying North of the Road called Sabath day path and six acres Joyning on the east side of the Land laid out to the right formerly held by Eliphalet Jarvis on the Plains Between dicks hills and Cowharbour South Path and a third of a hundred Right to him his heirs and assigns forever. Item I give and Bequeath to my beloved son Cornelius Stratton my lott of land on which I now dwell (except half an acre which I shall give to my son Joseph) with all my Buildings also half that Meadow Lott I bought of William Jarvis at the North end and all the South part of my old field beside that eight acres on the north side, which I shall give to my son Joseph and four acres of Wood Land on the North East corner of that tract of Land commonly called the Young Orchard and a third part of a hundred Right to him his heirs and assigns forever but if any of my said sons that are now in nonage should die in nonage and without lawfull Issue in such case my Will is that his or their part shall be equally divided between the surviving Brethren and remain to them their heirs and assigns forever as above. Item I give to my Daughters Rebeckah Martha and Ann and to my Grand Daughter Ruth Bryan daughter to my Daughter Elizabeth deceased, equally between them all my moveable estate except what is disposed of above. Lastly I nominate constitute and appoint my Brother Samuel Stratton

and Thomas Conkling both of huntington executors of this my last Will and Testament to execute fullfill and perform the same according to the true intent and meaning thereof.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this third day of February in the twenty third year of his Majesty's Reign and in the Year of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ one thousand seven hundred and forty nine fifty.

JOSEPH STRATTON [L. S.]

Signed sealed and published pronounced declared by the said Joseph Stratton in the presence of the subscribers as his last will and Testament

Hezekiah Rogers, David Sammis Jun^{r}, Jonathan Jarvis.

Huntington September 12th 1751

Whereas I have lately bought a certain parcell of Land sence the date of my enclosed Will and my Will is that the said land should be sold to the best advantage by my executors and all my just debts paid and the rest disposed according to my enclosed Will giving my loving Brother Samuel Stratton and my good Friend Thomas Conkling my executors full power and authority as well as to dispose of the said land above as to fullfill my within will as witness my hand the day and year above written

John Satterly, Gilbert Potter

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JOSEPH X STRATTON.
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18. ELIPHALET STRATTON [3] (*Cornelius*,[2] *John* [1]) was born in 1696–7, probably in Easthampton. His father died when he was about six years old. Nothing is known of him from this time until his marriage to **Phebe Conkling,** in Easthampton, March 15, 1715. He owned considerable real estate and was a man of standing in the community. March 2, 1716, he and his wife were received into the church by Rev. Nathaniel Huntting. In 1724–6 he was chosen trustee of the town. His will, made 1744, names his wife, Phebe, and eight children. His death is thus recorded on the church records: "Mr. Eliphalet Stratton died Sept. 21, 1753, aged about 55."

Children:—*Born in Easthampton.*

–41 Martha,[4] bapt. Mar. 14, 1715; m. **Lemuel Pierson,** of Sag Harbor, Apr. 9, 1741.

−42 Cornelius,[4] bapt. Sept. 22, 1717; d. Sept. 15, 1742, "aged 25 yrs."
+43 Jeremiah,[4] bapt. Sept. 20, 1719.
+44 David,[4] bapt. Jan. 20, 1723.
−45 Rebecca,[4] bapt. May 9, 1725; m. **Abraham Mulford,** in 1745.
−46 Samuel,[4] bapt. Nov. 27, 1726; d. young.
−47 Mary,[4] bapt. July 9, 1729; d. aged 7 yrs.
−48 Samuel,[4] bapt. Aug. 3, 1729; d. in 1754, without issue.
−49 Phebe,[4] bapt. Nov. 26, 1732; m. **David Topin,** of Sag Harbor, Dec., 1746.
+50 Abraham,[4] bapt. Sept. 5, 1736.

19. Samuel Stratton [3] (*Cornelius,*[2] *John* [1]) was baptized at Easthampton, December 10, 1699. He was living in Fairfield, Conn., in 1710, probably with his mother's people, his father having died when Samuel was but five years old. At this time his uncle, Samuel Hull of Fairfield, was his guardian. April 2, 1728, he married **Ruth Platt** of Huntington, L. I. He lived in Huntington where he owned real estate and was a man of some prominence. At the age of 86 years he was received into church membership at Huntington—Rev. Nathan Woodhull, pastor. He died at New Canaan, Conn., at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Samuel Silliman, while on a visit there.* In the old cemetery at New Canaan is a stone to his memory, bearing this peculiar inscription:

In memory of
Samuel Stratton
of
Long Island
Who departed this life 10th March, A. D. 1791, aged 92 years.
His languished head is at rest.
Its thinking and aching are over.
His quiet immovable breast
Is heaved by affection no more.

Children:—*Born at Huntington.*
−51 Ruth,[4] m. **Dr. Isaac Mulford Huntting** of Poughkeepsie, Nov. 30, 1753.

* New Canaan was then a part of Stamford, Conn.

−52 Elizabeth,[4] m. **Samuel Cook Silliman,*** of New Canaan, Conn.
+53 Eliphalet,[4] bapt. Jan. 8, 1745.

21. JOHN STRATTON[4] (*John,*[3] *John,*[2] *John*[1]) was the only child of *John* and *Amy* (*Conkling*) *Stratton.* He was born in Easthampton about a month after the death of his father. The record of his birth on the church books stands thus: "Born Oct. 8, 1721, John son of John Stratton jr., deceased son of Mr. John Stratton." June 6, 1744, John Stratton married **Mary Gardiner,** daughter of *Lion Gardiner,* who was born September 19, 1725. Fifteen years later this entry is found on the church books: "Dec. 16, 1759 John Stratten's wife desceased." There are no records of children on the church books at Easthampton. A family record says that this John Stratton died leaving only the following

Children:

−54 Ruth,[5] m. ——— **Hedges.**
−55 Sarah,[5] m. ——— **Jessup.**
−56 Mary,[5] m. ——— **Conklin;** d. Sept. 23, 1775.
−57 Hannah,[5] m. ——— **Chatfield.**
−58 Anna,[5] m. ——— **Hildreth.**

If this is correct, then this branch of the Stratton name ends with this family. Anyone having further data will confer a favor by communicating with the compiler.

24. STEPHEN STRATTON[4] (*John,*[3] *Stephen,*[2] *John*[1]) was born January 15, 1721, and lived in Easthampton as late as April 29, 1779, when his name is found signed to the document declaring loyalty to the Constitutional Congress. In November, 1754, he married **Ruth Osborn.** In his father's will he is given lands at Montuck. In the Revolution he belonged to the 1st Regt. of Suffolk County Minute Men, after which the compiler has found nothing concerning him. The church records at Easthampton mention only the following

Children:

−59 Ruth,[5] bapt. May 1, 1760.
−60 Jonathan,[5] d. July 21, 1775.

* Or "Gold" Silliman, as some records have it.

A family tradition has it that Ruth (Osborn) Stratton died early, that Stephen married again and that there were other children.

26. John Stratton [4] (*John,*[3] *Stephen,*[2] *John* [1]) was baptized at Easthampton, October 17, 1725. The record of his marriage has not been found, but he seems to have been living in his native town as late as 1759, when he is mentioned in his father's will.

Children:—*Baptized at Easthampton.*

−61 John,[5] bapt. May 3, 1750.
−62 Henry,[5] bapt. 1752; d. at sea, Jan. 10, 1768.
−63 Frederick,[5] bapt. Sept., 1753.
−64 Selvanus,[5] bapt. 1757; d. Oct. 13, 1772.
−65 A son,[5] bapt. July 8, 1760.

In the record of baptism the name of this son is not given. There may have been other children.*

28. Samuel Stratton [4] (*John,*[3] *Stephen,*[2] *John* [1]) was baptized March 23, 1729, and is named in his father's will in 1759. This is probably the Samuel Stratton who died in Easthampton, April 17, 1790; whose estate was administered by his widow **Sarah,** and who had the following

Children:—*Born in Easthampton.*

+66 Samuel,[5] bapt. Jan. 2, 1765. See *Vol. II.*
−67 Sarah,[5] bapt. Apr. 4, 1766.

And there may have been others.

29. Matthew Stratton [4] (*John,*[3] *Stephen,*[2] *John* [1]) was born in Easthampton and received baptism in the church there July 4, 1730. He learned the weaver's trade, but lived on the home farm

* The church records of this period are very incomplete, only a part of the births are given. One leaf of the Record appears to be lost, containing entries of deaths for 1760–63. Very few marriages are recorded from 1754 to 1793. January 1, 1793, the minister of the church makes this entry: "I have for a long couse of years omited puting down marraiges—which I think has been a faulty omission—which I mean to remedy for the Future." Many of these omissions must be supplied from family records—or remain forever "missing links." It is sincerely desired that any one having further data may communicate with the compiler, that a future volume may be more complete.

inherited from his father. He was one of the executors of his father's will in 1759, and signed the document declaring his loyalty to Congress in 1779. He married **Phoebe** ———, who died in 1775. His second wife died in 1818, aged 75 years. Matthew made his will February 3, 1792, and it was proved May 20, 1807.

Children:—*Born in Easthampton.*

+68 John,[5] only son mentioned in his father's will. See *Vol. II.*

−69 Elizabeth,[5] b. 1769.

−70 Samuel,[5] bapt. Jan. 13, 1771; perhaps this is the Samuel Stratton who was drowned at Easthampton, Sept. 3, 1784.

−71 Martha,[5] mentioned in father's will.

−72 Phoebe,[5] b. May 12, 1776; m. **Thomas Conkling.**

35. JOSEPH STRATTON [4] (*Joseph,*[3] *Cornelius,*[2] *John* [1]) was born in Huntington, L. I., and baptized in the church there November 19, 1724. He married **Ruth Wicks,** in Huntington, May 13, 1747.

Child:—*Born in Huntington.*

+73 Jonathan,[5] bapt. Jan. 13, 1748. See *Vol. II.*

No other children are recorded at Huntington, and no other records of Joseph [4] are found there. He probably removed to Fairfield, Conn., where his brothers had settled, and where his son, Jonathan,[5] married **Mary Godfrey.***

36. JOHN STRATTON [4] (*Joseph,*[3] *Cornelius,*[2] *John* [1]) was born in Huntington, L. I., and baptized in the church there October 22, 1727. He married **Grace Osborn,**† January 18, 1749, and settled in Fairfield, where his father had lived when a boy, and where he had many relatives. He was a Revolutionary soldier, enlisting, with his three sons, in Captain Deamon's company of

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* They were married by Rev. Daniel Buckingham of Westport Congregational Church, Fairfield County, Conn.

† "She was a daughter of *David* and *Dorothy* (*Buckley*) *Osborne*, granddaughter of *John* and *Sarah* (*Bennett*) *Osborne*, and great-granddaughter of Captain *Richard Osborne*, the first of that name in this country." S. V. S.

Fairfield,—Colonel Beebe's regiment. He died in Fairfield, February 2, 1817, aged 90 years, and was buried in the churchyard there. His wife died at the age of 83 years.

Children:—*Born in Fairfield, Conn.*

+74 Joseph,[5] b. 1751; d. 1827. Settled in Roxbury, N. Y. See *Vol. II.*

+75 Stephen,[5] b. 1754; d. 1842. Settled in Thompsonville, Sullivan County, N. Y. See *Vol. II.*

+76 Samuel,[5] b. 1755; d. 1838. One of the first settlers of Roxbury, N. Y. See *Vol. II.*

−77 Elizabeth,[5] bapt. Jan. 27, 1760; m. **Daniel Bradley.**

−78 Grace,[5] bapt. July 6, 1763; m. **Thomas (?) Darrow.**

−79 Dorothy,[5] bapt. Apr., 1765.

40. Cornelius Stratton[4] (*Joseph,*[3] *Cornelius,*[2] *John*[1]) was born in Huntington in 1737. He married **Abigail Hull** of Fairfield, Conn., August 15, 1764. She died at the age of 70 years. He served in the French and Indian War, August 7th to 23d, 1757, in Captain Daniel Bradley's company, Colonel Andrew Burr's regiment. "Rode his own horse from Fairfield." Served in Captain Nash's company in the Revolution in 1777. He died at West Farms, near Fairfield, August 11, 1810. Abigail, his widow, died February 21, 1813.

Children:—*Baptized at West Farms church.**

−80 Mary,[5] bapt. June 3, 1765; m. **Seth Wakeman,** Apr. 4, 1784.

−81 Clarrisa,[5] bapt. Apr. 19, 1767; m. **Gideon Wakeman, Jr.,** Dec. 8, 1783.

−82 Sarah,[5] bapt. 1769; m. **Thomas Bennett.**

−83 Eunice,[5] bapt. June 9, 1771; m. **Wm. B. Smith,** Feb. 11, 1796.

−84 Abigail,[5] bapt. May 2, 1773; m. **Joseph Barlow Gorham,** Nov. 16, 1763.

−85 Joseph,[5] bapt. Jan. 14, 1775; d. June 4, 1775.

+86 Hull,[5] bapt. June 30, 1776. See *Vol. II.*

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* These records are now in the town clerk's office at Fairfield. This church was organized in 1763. A part of Fairfield became Weston in 1787, and later a part of Weston became Westport, and a part Eastport.

+87 Eliphalet,[5] bapt. Apr. 18, 1779. See *Vol. II.*
−88 Debby,[5] bapt. Aug. 3, 1783; d. June, 1784.

43. JEREMIAH STRATTON[4] (*Eliphalet,*[3] *Cornelius,*[2] *John*[1]) was baptized in Easthampton by Rev. Nathaniel Huntting, September 20, 1719. He married **Elizabeth Baker,** September 14, 1741; was admitted to church membership August 22, 1742, and was named as one of the executors of his father's will in 1744. About 1747 he removed to Southampton, L. I., where in 1762–3 he owned a lot of land in partnership with his brother Abraham. He seems to still have been living in Southampton in 1765; when the records say: "We laid out 3 lotts to the southward and proceeded to Jeremiah Stratton's well." After this the Southampton records give nothing concerning him. No will of his has been found, and no settlement of estate, although much search has been made for the same.

Children:—*Born in Easthampton.*

−89 Elizabeth,[5] bapt. Aug. 22, 1742.
−90 Chloe,[5] bapt. July 8, 1744.
−91 Priscilla,[5] bapt. Mar. 23, 1746.

Probably born in Southampton.

−92 A son,[5] mentioned in his uncle's will. See will of David Stratton[4] (44).

It is more than probable that there were other children born in Southampton. Daniel Stratton, who served in the First Regiment, Suffolk County Militia, during the Revolution, is thought to have belonged to this family.

44. DAVID STRATTON[4] (*Eliphalet,*[3] *Cornelius,*[2] *John*[1]) was born in Easthampton in 1723. He married **Jemima Howell,** daughter of *Edward Howell* of Southampton. April, 1767, David Stratton and his wife "owned ye covenant" and were received into church membership. He died January 6, 1770. The record of his death is at Easthampton, but in his will, dated December 9, 1769, he is said to be "of southampton."

Child:—*Born in Easthampton.*

−93 David,[5] bapt. Apr. 10, 1768. *See footnote under David*[3] (22) *Richard*[1].

WILL OF DAVID STRATTON *

1769

In the Name of God Amen—I David Stratton of Easthampton in the County of Suffolk and Province of New York Yeoman & being indisposed in Body but of sound and perfect mind and memory and calling to mind the mortality of my Body How precarious and uncertain my life I do make and ordain this my last will and Testament in the form and manner following—

Imprimis—I will order and direct that all my just Debts be paid by my Executors, out of my movable estate in a reasonable Time after my Decease—

Item I give unto my beloved wife Jemima the use and Improvement of all my Estate real and personal after my just Debts are paid as long as she shall remain my widow for her support and to the Intent that she shall bring up my Child in a suitable and proper manner that is to say until my son shall arrive at the age of twenty one Years, but if it should so happen that my s^{d} wife should marry before my s^{d} son shall arrive at the age of twenty one years then and in such case my Will is that my s^{d} wife Jemima shall have one third part of all my movable Estate and the Improvement of two thirds of my Lands until my said son shall arrive at age and also the use of one half of my house and buildings during her natural life—

Item I give unto my beloved son David Stratton his heirs and assigns for ever all the rest residue and remainder of my Estate real and personal Lands and Tenements Goods and Chattels of what nature or kind soever or wheresoever scituated when he shall arrive at the age of twenty one Years but if it should so happen that my said son David should die before he shall arrive at Age or without lawful Issue then and in such case my Will is that my wife Jemima shall have the use and improvement of all my Lands and Buildings during her natural Life and after her decease to go to the son of my Brother Jeremiah Stratton and the son of my late Brother Abraham Stratton to be equally divided between them their heirs and assigns forever. Lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my friends Jeremiah Miller Jun. and

* Surrogate's Office, City of New York, *Book of Wills*, No. 27, page 500.

Thomas Osborn joynt Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this ninth day of December Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and sixty-nine.

DAVID STRATTON [L. S.]

Signed, sealed, pronounced and declared by him the sd David Stratton as and for his last Will and Testament in presence of us

Daniel Hedges, Jeremiah Miller the 4th, John Chatfield.

50. ABRAHAM STRATTON[4] (*Eliphalet,*[3] *Cornelius,*[2] *John*[1]) was baptized at Easthampton, September 5, 1736. By trade he was "a joyner." He married **Eunice** ———, a widow, and went to live in Southampton as early, at least, as 1758, and bought land there and a windmill. He owned, also, considerable stock which grazed upon the "commons" around Southampton, and the town records give his "earmark" thus: "Crop on each ear, 2 over clefts." His will, made September 8, 1762, names only three children, all under age. This will was probated in 1763.

Children:—*Named in father's will.*

−94 Eunice.[5]

+95 Abraham,[5] b. 1760. See *Vol. II.*

+96 Eliphalet,[5] settled in New York State. See *Vol. II.*

WILL OF ABRAHAM STRATTON *

1762

In the Name of God Amen I Abraham Stratton of Southampton in the County of Suffolk and Colony of New York Joyner being week in Body but of sound mind and memory thanks be given to God for the same but calling to mind the mortality of the Body and that it is appointed for all men once to Die do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament that is to say principally and first of all I recommend my Soul, into the hands of Almighty God and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian Burial at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named nothing doubting but at the General resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of

* Surrogate's Office, City of New York, *Book of Wills*, No. 24, page 15.

God and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me, withall I Will and bequeath in the manner and form following viz:

Imprimis I will and bequeath unto my loving Wife Eunice Stratton the one third of all my Lands and the one third of all my moveable Estate to be her during her natural life likewise I give unto my said Wife two of my best Cows and Eight of my best Sheep likewise I give unto my said Wife all and everything belonging to her at the time of my marriage that was given her by her former husband furthermore my will and Order is that my said Wife have the improvements of all my Lands during the time she remains my Widow except such land as I have Ordered to be sold and as my Children shall arrive to age or marriage I Will and order they receive their respective Legacies hereafter mentioned. Imprimis I Will and bequeath unto my Loving Daughter Eunice Stratton the sum of twenty five pounds to be to her and to her heirs and assigns forever.

Imprimis I Will and bequeath unto my loving son Abraham Stratton a lott of Land known by the name of Hains Lott likewise a piece of Land lying in partnership with Jeremiah Stratton and a piece of Meadow land lying on the south side of the Road at a place called Towd at North Sea with the one half of my Right at Meantauket and the one half of all my Commonage to be to him and to his heirs and assigns forever.

Imprimis I will and bequeath unto my loving son, Eliphelet Stratton a Lott of land containing twelve acres adjoyning to Jeremiah Strattons home Lott likewise a piece of Wood land which I bought of David Corwithe containing half a fifty in the North side Lott and a piece of Meadow lying on the North side of the road at a place called Towd at North Sea with one half of my Right at Meantauket and the one half of all my Commonage to be to him and to his heirs and Assigns forever.

Imprimis I Will and Order that the lott of land I bought of Jesse Jennings be sold and the money arising therefrom to be to the use of my son Eliphelet Stratton and to his heirs and assigns forever.

Imprimis I Will and Order that the one half of the Wind Mill belonging to me be sold and the money arising therefrom to be



The Old Mill at Easthampton
From *Stratton Genealogy*



Stratton Homestead, College Point, Long Island
Built by Elephalet Stratton in 1792. (53, *chart D*, *page* 38.)
From *Stratton Genealogy*, by S. V. Stratton, Sr.

equally divided between my two Sons to be to them and to their heirs and assigns forever.

Imprimis My Will and Order is that if either of my sons marry under age and should have Issue and then Die before he arrive to age then his Legacy shall not go to his surviving Brother but shall go to the Issue above mentioned but if either of my sons Die without Issue and under age then his part to go to the surviving Brother and if my Daughter Die before marriage and under age then her part to be divided between the two Brothers. My Will and Order is that after my Just debts are satisfied and Legacies *paid from* the moveable Estate if any money remains I would have it equally divided between my two sons.

Imprimis I constitute and appoint my trusty friends Capt Silas Cook and Israel Hallsey my Sole Executors to this my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this Eighth day of September in the year of our Lord 1762.

ABRAHAM STRATTON [L. S.]

Signed Sealed and Delivered Published Pronounced and Declared by Abraham Stratton to be his last Will and Testament in presence of us

David Cooper, David Cooper Juener, Joseph Gibbs.

53. ELIPHALET STRATTON [4] (*Samuel*,[3] *Cornelius*,[2] *John* [1]) was baptized at Huntington, January 8, 1745. His early life was spent in his native town. September 15, 1767, he married **Mary Valentine** of East Chester, New York. They became the parents of eight children. After her death, at the age of sixty-two years, he married **Lucretia Dale.** He was an energetic business man and accumulated considerable property. He moved from Huntington to a farm of 350 acres which he purchased from Abraham Lawrence about 1787—land bought from the Indians by William Lawrence in 1650. This farm was near Flushing, L. I., and was thereafter known as Strattonport. About 1857 a large part of the farm was laid out into village lots and incorporated as College Point. The Stratton homestead was built in 1792. Mr. Stratton was an active member of the Episcopal Church. He died at the age of 85 years, December 31, 1831, and is buried in the churchyard at Flushing.

Children:—*Born at Huntington.*

– 97 Elizabeth,[5] b. 1773; m. **Thomas Lawrence.**
– 98 Samuel,[5] d. about 1810; left no descendants.
– 99 Mary,[5] m. **William Prince.**
100 Hannah [5].
–101 Jane,[5] m. **Gabriel Winter.**
–102 Ruth,[5] d. unm.
–103 Amelia,[5] m. **John F. Comfield** of England.
+104 Platt,[5] b. 1787. See *Vol. II.*
–105 Lewis,[5] d. in South America; left no descendants.



Old Church at Easthampton, in Which Eight Generations of Strattons Worshiped. Torn down in 1861

STRATTONS OF THE EASTERN SHORE, VIRGINIA

"And I found a register of the genealogy of them which came up at the beginning."

NEHEMIAH vii, 5.

IN 1615 the secretary of the Virginia Company sent "10 men and 10 soldiers" to the "land across the waters," to catch fish and make salt for the parent colony at Jamestown. Thus began the settlement of the Eastern Shore of Virginia at "Dale's Gift" on Old Plantation Creek. Five years later another settlement was made a few miles away, which took the Indian name of Accomacke. The early history and traditions of this "land beyond the waters" is of intense interest. In 1622 when the great Indian massacre took place along the James, it was contemplated moving the entire company to the Eastern Shore. The aborigines of this shore were, according to tradition, the most timid, peaceable and kind-hearted of any of the Indians found on the continent. These early settlements grew and multiplied, and in 1632 were organized as Accomacke County. On the 2d of March, 1642, the name was changed to Northampton, in honor of Colonel Obedience Robins who came from Northamptonshire, Eng. In 1663 Northampton was divided and the northern part became Accomacke County. The first church on the shore was built on Old Plantation Creek. The exact location is not known. The second was at Arlington Gate—nothing but a few bricks surrounded by dilapidated tombs (among them the tombs of the Custis family) are left to mark the spot where it stood.

Hunger's Parish was established in 1634. Rev. Wm. Cotton was its first minister. The present Hunger's Church was built about 1690. It is located on the north side of Hunger's Creek, near the old village of Bridgetown. Among the vestrymen elected June 22, 1691, was Benjamin Stratton.* The Strattons were early

* The vestrymen elected that day were Major John Robins, Captain Custis,

a prominent family on the Shore. Their estate was "Stratton Manor," near Old Plantation Creek, not far from Cape Charles City. Their descendants are connected by marriage with many of the old families of eastern Viriginia.*

Later, one branch of the family came into possession of "Old Castle" and "Elkington" in Northampton County.

THOMAS STRATTON[1] OF THE EASTERN SHORE

(See Chart E)

1. Thomas Stratton married **Alice** ———. At what date they came to America is not known. In 1632, Alice, widow of Thomas Stratton, was living on the Eastern Shore with her two children. In 1636 she was granted 200 acres of land "for transporting into Virginia Thomas Stratton, herself and two others." Later she married Henry Bagwell, town clerk of Accomacke County, and by him had several children—among them, John and Thomas Bagwell. Only two children of Thomas and Alice Stratton have been found. There may have been others.†

Children:

+2 Thomas,[2] first mentioned in Accomacke County in 1632.

−3 Mary,[2] m. ——— **Handy.**

2. Thomas Stratton[2] (*Thomas*[1]) was born before 1632, whether in England or Virginia is not known.

Captain Foxcroft, John Shepheard, Benjamin Stratton, Priece Davis, Benjamin Nottingham, John Powell, Jacob Johnson, Thomas Eyre, John Stoakley, Michael Dickson. This election took place soon after the present Hungars church building was erected.

* Among these families are Wilkins, Harmanson, Stoakley, Digges, Nivison, Parsons, Parker, Tazewell, Nottingham and others—names coeval with the first settlements of Virginia.

Northampton County has a fine lot of old records. They are only partly indexed, however, and not in good shape for examination. A more exhaustive research than the author has been able to make might bring to light additional data on this interesting line of Strattons, and discover some still "missing links" connecting unidentified Strattons of later generations, with this line. The reader will confer a favor by notifying the compiler of any error, or contributing any further information concerning the Eastern Shore Strattons.

† The following Strattons, found mentioned on the early Virginia records are yet unaccounted for:—May 9, 1638, and March 27, 1651, land was granted



Stratton Manor, Northampton Co., Va.
Built before 1657, remodeled in 1764. (*Pages* 142–146.)

Among the old records at Eastville is this: "Thomas Stratton of Northampton County. The mark of his cattle as followeth: Croped & slitt on ye right eare overbitten & holed on ye left eare; giving notice to the clerke to record By me Thomas Stratton, Sept. 7, 1651." This same year, 1651, he was deeded 100 acres of land by his mother, Mrs. Alice Bagwell. He was probably at least twenty-one years of age at this time and so born as early as 1630. November 27, 1657, he was granted 300 acres of land in Northampton County "on the Ridge southerly on Dun Branch." This land was "granted by the right of emigration of Thomas and Alice Stratton," and formed a part of the large estate later known as "Stratton Manor"—and still known by that name, although it passed out of the hands of the Strattons about fifty years ago (1858), having been in possession of the Stratton family for eight generations. Thomas Stratton's name appears on the court records several times from 1657 to 1660. In 1658 he served on the jury "by an order from the court at James City, likewise by an order of the Court of Northampton County." He married **Agnes Johnson,** who survived him. At a court holden in Northampton County, August 3, 1660, it is ordered "yt Mrs. Agnes Stratton be paid out of the estate of Robert Fisher six hundred and ninety-seven pounds of tobacko & cask, being ye balance of

to John Stratton, Lower Norfolk County, Va. The 150 acres granted him in 1651 was for transporting to the colony John Franklin, Margaret Heath and Patience Tomlins. (See *Virginia Land Grants.*) The records of Lower Norfolk (now Princess Anne County) give no evidence of his ever having lived there. What John Stratton was this?

In 1646, 100 acres of land was granted to Robert Harrison and Sissley Stratton. No other mention is found of Sissley Stratton.

August 16, 1658, certificate was given to Elizabeth Stratton, widow, for 300 acres, for bringing into Virginia Elizabeth Wilkins, William Damson, Edmund Moore, Elenor Edwards, Daniel Freesell and John Power. (See *Certificates of Headrights*, Virginia.) Nothing more is known of this Elizabeth Stratton, and the 300 acres of land is not located.

June 8, 1673, John Stratton appears at court in Accomack County, with a complaint against John Watts. Request is referred to next court.

During Bacon's Rebellion, in 1676 a paper concerning the killing of a cow belonging to Morris Dennis, is signed by John Stratton, commissary, of Accomack, and in 1677 John Stratton of Accomack lost a shallop in Warwick Creek Bay. It had been used "in his Majistie's service against the late Rebells by order of Sir Wm. Berkeley, Governor of Virginia." Nothing more is known of this John Stratton.

her account for salary, expenses expended and disbursed by her late husband, deceased." Thomas Stratton died in 1659—between October 13 and November 2.

Children:—*Born at Stratton Manor.*

+4 Benjamin,[3] b. 1657; d. 1717.

−5 Ann,[3] named in father's will.

It will be seen that these are the only children mentioned in the father's will. There may have been a son born after the death of his father. A Thomas Stratton died at Stratton Manor, November 3, 1700, aged about 40 years, whose parentage is unaccounted for. There is no record to show that he left any descendants.

WILL OF THOMAS STRATTON *

1659

In the name of God Amen. I Thos. Stratton, beinge very sick & weak of body but in perfect sense & memory, God be praised, I do make & ordain this my last Will & Testament in manner & form following. Imprimis, I bequeath my soul to the hands of my maker & redeemer from whence I had it, my body to the earth hoping for a joyfull resurrection there at the last day and for my worldly estate I bequeath as follows:

Item, I give and bequeath to my loving wife three cows, two ewes two yearlinge heifers that was her own and the servt. boy Dorman and all other household goods whatsoever excepting two pewter dishes which I give unto my daughter Ann Stratton.

Item, I give & bequeath to my son Benjamin Stratton all my land this plantation that I live on & that at the head of the seaboard side & if in case my loving wife sees fit on occasion to sell it for her own benefit or the boy's which she please that at the seaboard side also, I give unto my loving wife this land I now live on during her life & after to my son Benjamin Stratton and his heirs exers. and admrs. also I give and bequeath to my children Ann Stratton and Benjamin Stratton, their heirs exrs. & assigns two cows, two heifers & all the female increase to run on stock together & if in case one of them dies they must fall to the other & the male to my loving wife. Also I give to my son & daughter 4 ewes to run in as

* *Book of Deeds and Wills, Northampton County,* 7, p. 245.

stock together & all the female increase & the male to my wife only there is to be paid out two ew lambs the next fall, also I give to my wife my mare and horse & horse colt & my boat & if in case the mare live & bring increase to put my children in stock with one or two mare colts as soon as she can, also I give and bequeath to my sister Handy one ewe lamb to be delivered the next fall after this that is coming, this to be paid out of the children's stock if the ewe lives to bring increase. I also give to my brother John Bagwell my pistell and to my brother Thomas Bagwell my cutlass, also I desire that my loving wife have the tuition and bringing up of my daughter Ann Stratton til she be 15 or 16 years old. If it please God that my wife should be with child now what I have given to my two children for a stock or portion must serve for three and as they come of age to have out their share proportionate thereto, like also I ordain my loving wife Agnes Stratton sole executor of this my last will and testament also paying and discharging my debts and legacies.

Lastly I do appoint my loving friends and neighbors Mr. William Millinge & Mr. William Smith overseers of this my last will and testament whereby my will may be performed & that my wife may not be wronged nor debarred from her right.

Witness my hand this 13th day of October, 1659.

THOMAS STRATTON."

Witness:

William Smith, Bartholomew Cories.

Proven in open Court 2nd. day of Nov. 1659.

4. BENJAMIN STRATTON[3] (*Thomas*,[2] *Thomas*[1]) was born February 25, 1657. He was "son and heir of Thomas" when in 1662 he was granted 257 acres at Mondries Creek, and 300 acres on the Ridge southerly on Dun Branch, Northampton County. November 26, 1682, he was granted two other tracts—300 acres on Dun Branch; and 247 acres, "being a neck of land called Acquassa." (*Virginia Land Grants*, Book 4, p. 537 and Book 7, pp. 197–198.) In addition to the lands which he inherited, and those granted him, he bought several other tracts as shown by deeds of Northampton County. It was probably in his day that the oldest part of the Stratton Manor (still standing) was built, and built partly of bricks which were brought from England. He

married **Ann Wilkins,** daughter of *Nathaniel Wilkins,* who after her marriage received a tract of land in Northampton, by deed of gift from her father. She was born February 10, 1662. Benjamin and Ann Stratton were Episcopalians, members of Old Hunger's Church, where he was vestryman in 1691. Ann Stratton died June 16, 1700, "at sundown." Benjamin died October 22, 1717, aged 60 years. The old Stratton Manor Register is still in existence —in the possession of a descendant—giving the "Births and Deaths of the Stratton Family."

Children:—*Born at Stratton Manor.*

- − 6 Agnes,[4] b. Apr. 25, 1684; d. 1711; m. ——— **Johnson.**
- − 7 Ann,[4] b. Aug. 14, 1686; d. Dec. 1, 1702.
- − 8 Benjamin,[4] b. June 30, 1688. Supposed to be the Benjamin who died at Stratton Manor, May 28, 1760. No record of marriage found.
- − 9 Nathaniel,[4] b. June 19, 1691; d. Mar. 29, 1709.
- +10 John,[4] b. 1695; d. 1751.
- −11 Thomas,[4] b. Sept. 21, 1697; d. Dec. 19, 1697.
- −12 Joseph,[4] b. Dec. 6, 1699; d. May 10, 1700.

Only two of these children, it will be seen, were living at the date of their father's will, and he names only sons, Benjamin and John, and the children of his daughter, Agnes.

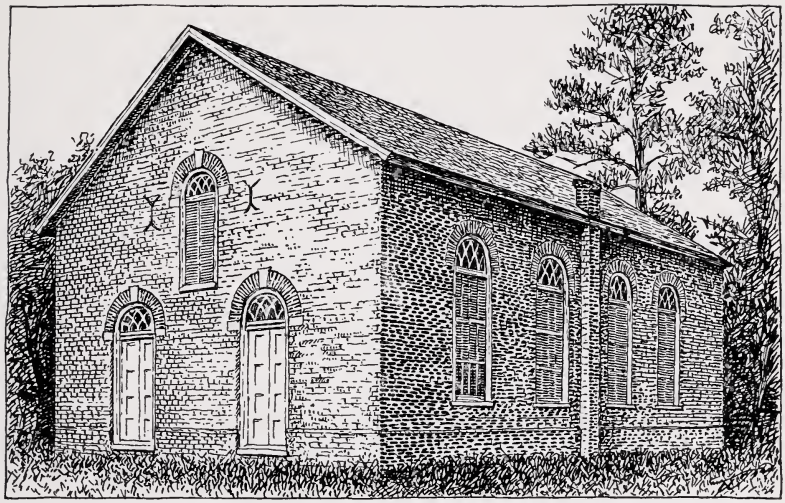
Will of Benjamin Stratton [3]

1716

In the name of God Amen, I Benjamin Stratton, of the County of Northumberland, Va. Knowing the uncertainty of this life, do make this my last will and Testament. I hereby give unto my son Benjamin Stratton, all this my Plantation I now live on with all appertenances belonging, being 247 acres of land to the said Benjamin Stratton & the heirs of his Body Lawfully Begotten, for want of such heirs then to my son Jno Stratton.

I give to my son Benjamin Stratton three negroes, Dorotha, Charles, and David, and my great Bible, one gun called beakes.

I give to my son John Stratton my plantation on ye Seaboard side which I bought from John Summers, by estimation 100 acres and 12 acres which I bought Edmond Bobbes, lying in the Pine Swamp, and 100 acres conveyed to me by Wm. Watterson by



Old Hungers Church, Eastern Shore, Va.
Where Benjamin Stratton was vestryman in 1691. (*Pages* 141–142.)

deed 30th Sept. 1695 to him and his heirs, and for want of such heirs to my son Benjamin Stratton.

I give to my son John Stratton one young negro called George, my best feather bed, bolsters & pillows, bed curtains & Valence, one pair of my best and largest sheets, Quilt & Blanket. One Iron Pot, about 4 gallons, Iron Kettle, about 4 gallons, one new pine cupboard, made by Andrew Hooper, one Walnut table, about five or six feet long, my long gun called Rede, and all the cash I have now in my possession. My will is that my son John Stratton have sufficient house room for himself and negro, till he can provide himself with a house.

I give my grand son Benjamin Johnson a negro or *Mallatto* girl called Mary, except the first child the said Mary shall bring that lives one year after it is delivered, which my will and desire is and I do give to my grand daughter Ann Johnsonn. If it should please God to take them out of the world, I do give the negro or Mallatto and her increase to my heirs in common law.

I give to my grand son Benjamin Johnson my Carbine.

I give to my grand daughter Ann Johnson a thirty five shilling piece *Gould* called a Portugal Mayder, one set of Linen Curtains & Valence.

I give to my grand son and daughter Benjamin and Ann Johnson, 4 heifers, 2 of 2 years old, 2 of 3 years old, 4 young Ewes and Lambs, 1 dozen huckback napkins equally.
all to remain in the hands of my execator untill they are of age or marry.

I will that my son Benjamin Stratton have full power & liberty to bet what timber he hath occation to make use of from his plantation, without making waste or spoil from the said 100 acres 3 give my son Jno. Stratton.

I give all the rest of my estate unto my two sons Benjamin and Jno. Stratton, and if my sons cannot agree to divide, then they are to each of them to choose a man, to divide they to stand by the division, the negroes included.

BENJ. STRATTON [seal].

Witnesses:

John Robins, Richard Thorman,

Appoints two sons Benjamin and Jno. Stratton executors Dated 29. July 1716. Probated Nov. 19th, 1717.

10. John Stratton [4] (*Benjamin,*[3] *Thomas,*[2] *Thomas* [1]), b. at Stratton Manor, March 21, 1695. By his father's will he inherited "ye plantation at ye seaboard side," and in want of heirs to his oldest brother, Benjamin,[4] he was to have also the home plantation. There is no evidence that John[4] ever owned the Manor property—it is not mentioned in his will, and the births of his children are not found in the Stratton Manor Register. His son, Benjamin,[5] did own it, however, and it has been in the possession of Benjamin's descendants until the present generation.* John Stratton must have been a man of considerable prominence on the Eastern Shore. In 1729 he was granted 152 acres of land on the sea-board side, and in 1732, he received a grant of 252 acres at the head of Knight Gut. This last grant he probably sold, as no mention is made of it in his will. The 152 acres he willed to his sons. He had other dealings in real estate, buying and selling lands in different parts of the county, as shown by deeds.

He married **Susannah** ———, who survivied him and was living in 1754.† He was High Sheriff of Northampton County in 1732–4. Among his descendants are men well known in Virginian history. He died April 15, 1751, "about sunrise."

Children:

+13 Benjamin,[5] b. 1721; d. 1784; m. **Elizabeth Stewart;** remodeled Stratton Manor, where he lived, and where his children were born. See *Vol. II.*

−14 Thomas,[5] b. 1722–3; living in Northampton County in 1758; further records concerning him, or his descendants, desired.

+15 John,[5] b. 1726; d. 1795; m. **Gertrude Tazewell;** father

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* How Benjamin [5] came into possession of Stratton Manor, is an interesting question which it is hoped future research may determine. It is suggested here that he may have received it from his Uncle Benjamin [4] who seems to have died without issue.

† The compiler has been unable to find the family name of Susanna. A thorough search of wills, and deeds of gift, of this period in Northampton might discover it. She may have been the second wife and this John Stratton who married **Esther Harmanson** before 1720. Was it through his marriage (first, or second?) that the Strattons came into possession of "Elkington?" The Harmansons were a fine old family on the Eastern Shore and were connected by marriage, before 1690, with the Elkingtons.



Elkington, or "New Castle"

Situated on a branch of Hungers Creek, 2 miles from "Old Castle." Built in 1799. Home of Hon John Stratton, member of Congress, 1801–03. (*Pages* 142, 148.)



"Old Castle," Northampton Co., Va.

On Cherrystone creek, commanding a beautiful view down the creek to Chesapeake Bay. Built by John Stratton (*No.* 10, *chart E*) about 1721; remodelled in 1794. (*Page* 142.)

of John Stratton, Jr., member of Congress, 1801–03. See *Vol. II.*

−16 Susannah,[5] m. **John Wilkins.**

+17 Nathaniel,[5] m. **Elicia** ———; d. 1768–9; his widow d. about 1780, leaving a will. See *Vol. II.*

−18 William,[5] probably d. between Feb. 14, 1750, and Apr. 11, 1751.

−19 Agnes,[5] m. ——— **Wilkins.**

WILL OF JOHN STRATTON [4]

1750–1751

In the name of God Amen. I, John Stratton of Northampton County Virginia, being of perfect sense and memory, do make and ordain this my last will & testament in manner & form following: First & Principally I recommend my soul to God my creator, hoping through the merits of my Savior Jesus Christ to receive a joyful resurrection and as to what Worldly Estate God in his mercy has been pleased to bestow upon me, I dispose of the same in manner and form following: Item, I give and bequeath to my son Benjamin Stratton one hundred & fifty two acres of land which I have Pattent for in my own name bearing date the 27 day of Sept. 1729, and 12 acres in the Piney Swamp and 60 acres of land more, forty of which I purchased of one Southey Rew as appears for same, recorded in the County Ct. of Northampton, the other 20 a. lying between the land of Maj. Peter Bowdoin decd. and Mary Johnson's formerly, which I purchased of Elias Dunton and Abegale his wife, to him and the hiers of his body, lawfully begotten forever, always provided that my said son Benjamin & his heirs, when he or they shall be required, shall make over and convey by deed a good and absolute estate in fee simple to my son Thomas Stratton and his heirs in a 100 acres of land with warranty to my said son Thomas and his heirs as aforesaid, which said 100 acres of land lies on the Bayside in the County aforesaid joining westerly upon the land of Marriot Parsons' lands formerly and northerly upon the land of Luke Shaw and Abigale his wife, Easterly on the land of Preeson Bowdoin and southerly upon the land of William Scott, which said 100 acres of land was given by my dead father to me and my heirs lawfully begotten of my body

forever, and my will is that if my said son Thomas shall sell the said 100 acres of land that it shall not be in his power to sell it to any person but his brother Benjamin, provided he will pay as good a price to be judged by two men appointed for that purpose, but if my said son Benjamin his heirs shall not make such deed as aforesaid to my said son Thomas and his heirs then I give what I have and shall give by this will to my son Benjamin to my son Thomas and his heirs forever. I also give unto my son Benjamin 1 negro fellow called David, my still head and worm & tube and also what he hath received already from me in the same manner & form as the other gifts given him. Item: I give unto my son Thomas Stratton all my right title and interest in the said 100 acres of land lying and being in this County, where my son Benjamin Stratton now liveth which was given to me by my dec'd father to him and his heirs forever, but in case my son Benjamin Stratton shall think fit to pay to his brother Thomas Stratton sixty pounds current of Virginia in lieu of the land given to my son Thomas Stratton then I give the aforesaid land to my son Benjamin Stratton and all the other legacies I have already given him the said Benjamin Stratton. Item: My further will and desire is that my wife Susanna Stratton hath the whole use of my plantation I now live on during her widowhood and no longer to bring up my children and in case my son Benjamin Stratton or his heirs should refuse that liberty then and in that case I give all the land that I bought out of Charles Gildings land for the use aforesaid and then to my son Thomas Stratton as aforesaid. Item: I give and bequeath to my son Nathaniel Stratton fifty pounds current money of Virginia and my smith's tools, 1 horse saddle & bridle, my pistoles & holsters and sword, one years schooling and my gun called Reed. Item: I give unto my son William Stratton fifty pounds as aforesaid, my silver shoe buckles 1 horse, saddle and bridle, my best suit of clothes, 1 year's schooling and my little gun. Item: I give unto my daughter Agnes my negro woman called Sarah & her daughter called Dinah and their future increase to my said daughter and her heirs forever. Item: I give to my son John Stratton 25 pounds. Item: I give to my daughter Susanna Stratton my negro girl called Rachael and her future increase to my daughter and her heirs forever, one silver spoon and a warming pan, 1 horse briddle and saddle. Item: I

give the use of my negro called Hager and her increase to my daughter Anne Jacob during her natural life and after her decease then the said wench and her increase to be equally divided between all the children of my said daughter Anne. I give her 1 silver spoon. Item: I give all the Remainder of my negroes to be equally divided between my following children, viz. Thomas, John, Susanna, Nathaniel and William, to them and their heirs forever. Item: I give my grandson John Stratton 1 cow and calf. Item: I give unto my son Benjamin Stratton 6 sheep. Item, All the rest of my estate I give to my wife and following children, viz., Thomas, John, Susanna, Nathaniel, William and Agnes, to be equally divided amongst them upon the death or marriage of my said wife, which may first happen. Item I give unto my daughter Agnes 1 year's schooling and one silver spoon. Item: My will and desire is that my loving wife Susanna hath the whole use of my estate during her widowhood & no longer

Item: It is my will that my estate be not appraised and I desire that my two friends, John Wilkins senr. and Major Edward Robins will be so kind as to assist my wife in the execution of this my will and to observe that my children have justice done them in the division of my estate. Lastly I nominate and appoint my loving wife Susanna my sole Executrix of this my last will and testament revoking all former wills by me heretofore made. In witness whereof I have to this my said last will sett my hand the 14th. day of Feb. 1750.

JOHN STRATTON.

Signed published and declared by the said John Stratton to be his last will in the presence of

Robert Warren jr., Thomas Moore, James Bassford.

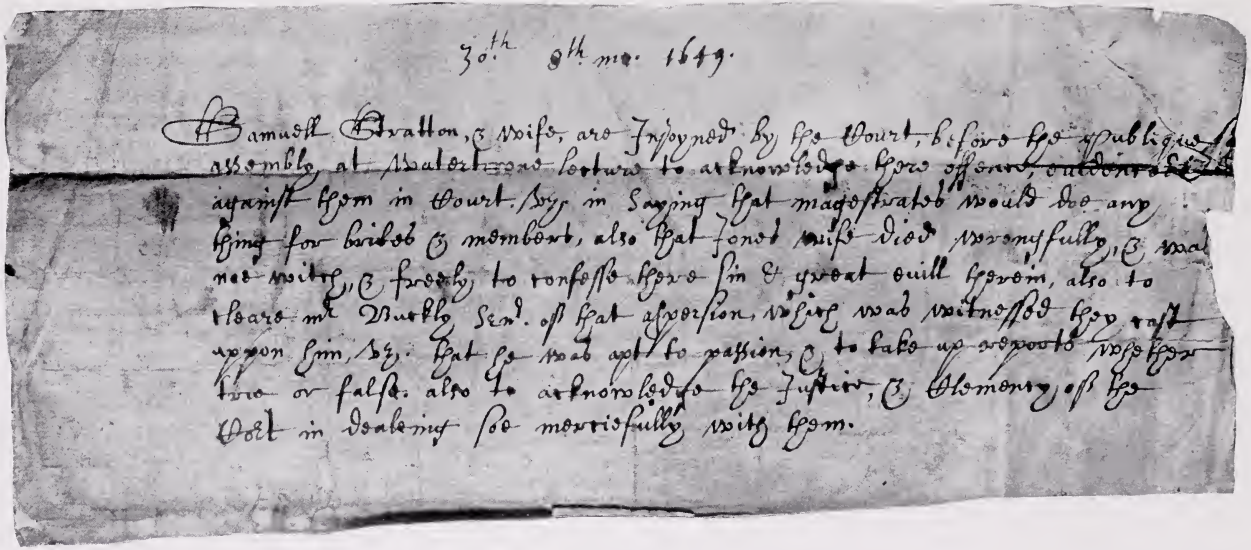
My will and desire is that what I had given to my son William Stratton by my last will I give to my son Thomas Stratton 22 pounds 10 shillings, all the other legacies given in that Paragraph I give to my son Nathaniel Stratton 22 pounds 10 shillings, the other legacies and my wearing apparel to be equally divided between my sons Thomas and Nathaniel Stratton. Item I give to my son John Stratton 5 pounds more than is before given him. I nominate my loving wife Susanna my sole executrix of this my last will and testament, revoking all former wills by me heretofore

made. In witness whereof I have to this my said last will set my hand the 11th. day of April 1751. I nominate my son Benjamin Stratton my sole executor in case of his mother's death and if he refuses my son John Stratton. I desire my will shall stand all but the gift I made my son William Stratton.

John Stratton.

It will be seen that John Stratton [4] died four days after adding the codicil to the above will. In the settlement of his estate in 1752, his son William was not mentioned. He probably died between the making of the will and the adding of the codicil. Nathaniel was not of age when the estate was settled.

John, Jr., may have been given land by deed of gift from his father before the will was made. At any rate, soon after his father's death he owned land in Northampton County.



30th 8th mo. 1649.

Samuell Stratton, & Wife, are Injoyned by the Court, before the publique
assemble at Watertowne tomorrow to acknowledge their offence, committed
against them in Court. viz. in Saying that Magistrates would doe any
thing for bribes & rewards, also that Jonat Wiss died wrongfully, & was
not willing & freely to confesse their sin & great euill therein, also to
cleare Mr Buckly Sen. of that aspersion, viz. that was witnessed they cast
upon him, viz. that he was apt to passion, & to take up a report to Wiss their
true or false. also to acknowledge the Justice, & Clemency of the
Court in dealeing soe mercifully with them.

Photographic Copy of Original Paper at Cambridge, Mass.

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STRATTONS OF WATERTOWN, MASSACHUSETTS

"Tell ye your children of it, and let them tell their children, and their children another generation."

JOEL i, 3.

WATERTOWN, on the Charles River, was founded by Puritan immigrants who arrived in the "Lady Arbella" from England, July 30, 1630. One of the first acts of this little company was to assemble on the banks of the river for a day of fasting and prayer, when a paper was drawn up and signed "in order to coalescence into a church estate." This is the often quoted "Watertown Covenant,"—a long, quaint, old document. About a month later, the Court of Assistants, sitting at Charlestown, ordered that "Tri-mountain be called Boston; Mattapan, Dorchester; and the town on the Charles river, Watertown." * The first winter in Watertown was one of much suffering. "Shell-fish, ground-nuts and acorns were the only food many could obtain." "One that came to the Governor's house to complain of his suffering was prevented, being informed that even these the last batch was in the oven." (*Hutchinson's Hist. of Massachusetts.*) But these were a people not easily daunted. Many had come into the wilderness from comfortable, prosperous homes in England. They accepted the suffering and privations as a part of the price they were willing to pay for freedom of thought and action. Among these people was formed the first Congregational church in the Massachusetts Bay Colony—"the first church to openly declare the right of the congregation to absolute control over its own affairs." "From Watertown, in 1632, came the first protest heard in America

* The territory then called Watertown embraced what is now Waltham, Weston and a part of Lincoln. The boundaries between Watertown and Newtown, Cambridge, Dedham, Concord and Sudbury were established at different periods between 1634 and 1754.

against taxation without representation." (*Fiske's Beginnings in New England.*)

While Savage, in writing of Watertown, says: "With the spirit of devout piety and trusting faith which marked the Puritan character in general, there were men of strong convictions with a sturdy courage to assist them." And this same independence of thought characterizes many of their descendants, scattered throughout our country to-day.

Just when the Strattons came to Watertown is not known, but they were there in 1647 and may have come several years earlier.* At a town meeting "9th 10 mo: 1647 Samuel Stratton was chosen surveyor for this yeare cominge." His sons, Samuel, Jr., and John, in all probability came with him. The third son, Richard, remained for a while in England, and is probably the Richard Stratton who came over in the "Speedwell" in April, 1656, when he is said to be from Gravesend, County Kent. If there were other children they must have remained in England, for no mention of them is found here, and none others are mentioned in Samuel's will.

December 6, 1652, Samuel Stratton, Sr., Samuel Stratton, Jr., and John Stratton took the "oath of Fidelity," and their names appear on the muster roll of a company of Watertown Militia. The men of this muster roll maintained the company and held themselves ready to be called out at any time. (*See Chart G.*)

Samuel, Sr., was at this time sixty years old. The following year he was made a "freeman." † In 1656 he was chosen with the deacons "to have the ordering of the sitting of persons in the meeting-house." His home was on the northerly side of Mount Auburn Street—near where later stood James R. Lowell's home —then a part of Watertown, now a part of Cambridge.

As early, at least, as 1667 another John Stratton appeared at Watertown. (*See Chart H.*)

* Watertown was the fourth town constituted in Massachusetts Bay Colony. Only one town in the state has older original records. These records—town and church—are kept with the greatest care and minuteness, so that from them we get many delightful glimpses into the home and business life of those early days.

† To be made a freeman before 1662 a man must be a member of the church —"must own ye covenant." Under the new charter in 1662, property right, or estate was considered.

The relationship, if any existed, between him and Samuel Stratton has not been found. He married a daughter of *Thomas* and *Mary* (*Knapp*) *Smith*. Thomas Smith was one of the proprietors of Watertown, having been granted land there July 25, 1636, at which date he was one of the 120 freemen of the town. In 1639 he owned eight lots of land. He died March 10, 1692, aged 92 years. His will mentions his "loving daughter Mary." * The Knapps were in Watertown in 1632.

This John Stratton was 25 years old when his name first appears on Watertown records.

His home was in the west precinct, in that part of Watertown which later became Waltham. He died there in 1691, aged 49 years, leaving five sons. The inventory of his estate, at the date of his death, shows that besides the homestead of ten acres,—with house, barn, stock, household stuffs, a chest, books, arms, etc.,—he owned another piece of land,—fifteen acres,—in Cambridge bounds.†

The name John Stratton appears constantly on the town records, but as there were two of the same name—men of about the same age—living there at the same time, and each having a son John (with but six years difference in age), it is often impossible to tell to which John the records refer. The records of the "town proceedings" are often quaint and puzzling; as are also the church records. The references of town clerks and pastors to "John Stratton in ye woods," "John Stratton up in ye town," "My neighbor young John Stratton," "John Stratton who owned ye covenant,"—are not always clear.

At various times from 1663 to 1690 a John Stratton was chosen Surveyor of Highways, constable and tithing-man. May 27, 1663, John Stratton of Watertown was made a "free man." In 1682 John Stratton was selectman. November 3, 1683, and March 28, 1684, the selectmen's meetings were held at John Stratton's house.‡

* This will was made 1688, and was witnessed by George Lawrence, Joseph Wellington and John Robinson.

† As all research has thus far failed to find any *proof* of this John Stratton in New England earlier than 1667—the date of his marriage in Watertown—he is treated in this Volume as the emigrant of his line in America, and called "John Stratton [1] of Watertown."

‡ 1693, John Stratton, tything man, was appointed "to se that the said

That the early Strattons of Watertown possessed the same independence of thought which characterized other Watertown people, there is plenty of proof among the very early original papers in Cambridge and Boston.

On the records of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, under date of May 13, 1648, is this enactment: "The corte beinge desirous that the same cource which has been taken in England for the discovering of witches, by watching, may be also taken here with the witch now in question & therefore doe order that a strict watch shall be set about her every night, & that her husband be confined to a private roome & watched also."

Felt, in his *Ecclesiastical History of New England*, says that this passage refers to Margaret Jones, wife of William Jones. She was executed as a witch June 15, 1648.*

Now, it seems that Samuel and Alice Stratton were not of the strictest Puritanic stripe, but were generous and liberal in their thinking, and their treatment of those who differed from them, and were among the few who cherished a leniency toward the so-called "witches." From the old, half-effaced court papers of that period we find that "Samuel Stratton said that Jones's wife Died wrongfully, and was no witch and that the majistrates would doe anything for bribes, and the members also." And that "Ales Stratton said that Goodwife Jones dyed wrongfully and was no more a witch than she was." Hugh Clarke of Watertown and Roxbury, Mr. Pemberton and wife Eleanor, and Samuel Durkin were of the same opinion. But these people had to pay for this "independence of thought."

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warehouse be not plased so as to damnify the towne for their cattels coming to soft water."

1694 John Stratton contributed 10 shillings toward mending the meeting-house.

1696 John Stratton was one of a committee concerning locating the new meeting-house.

1696 John Stratton, Sr., and John Stratton, Jr., "descentted" to call Rev. Mr. Angier to be minister for the whole town.

1706 John Stratton paid £6. 13. 1 toward building "a house to entertaine the minister in neer the meeting-house."

* This was probably the earliest execution in the region of Boston. William Jones was arraigned for the same crime, but escaped execution and "petitioned to go to the Barbadoes." He came to Cambridge from England in the "Hercules" in 1634.

At the county court held at Cambridge October 30, 1649, it was ordered that "Samuel Stratton, senior, and his wife should appear before the publique assembly at Watertown the next lecture Day to pay a fine of £5 and acknowledge their offense committed against ye commonwealth & court, and acknowledge ye justice & leniency of the court in dealing so mercifully with them." And in case they refused to make full acknowledgment they were to pay another fine of £5 more. The original paper containing this order is thus inscribed: "The partyes did acknowledge ye mercy of the magistrates sentence herein incerted [———?] dealt with them but of the charges laid upon them they are of the same mind." *

At the court at Cambridge April 2, 1650: "Goodman Stratton refusing to make full acknowledgement enjoyned by the court, is enjoyned to pay five pounds he is granted liberty for payment of ye same until the next 8th mo." No mention is made of Alice.†

And so it seems that Samuel Stratton incurred the displeasure of the court and magistrates, and paid the fine for the privilege of remaining "of the same mind." Like other Watertown men he had "strong convictions and the courage to maintain them." ‡

SAMUEL STRATTON [1] OF WATERTOWN

(*See Chart G*)

1. SAMUEL STRATTON was born in England about 1592, and settled in Watertown, Mass., with wife **Alice,** as early, at least, as 1647. Before 1657 Alice died. The date of her death has not been learned. The last mention that has been found of her is November 9, 1649).

June 27, 1657, Samuel married **Margaret,** daughter of *Thomas*

* The words in brackets cannot be deciphered, the original paper is so effaced and torn.

† The author has received valuable aid on the Watertown Strattons—as well as on other lines of New England Strattons—from Rev. Anson Titus of Tufts College, Massachusetts.

‡ Should any descendant of Samuel and Alice Stratton wish a further investigation of this matter, much yet unpublished material may be found among the earlier court files at Cambridge and Boston. The old broken, half-effaced pages of these original papers—some of them in fragments, with parts illegible—are difficult to decipher, but will well repay careful study, and might bring to light matter of much interest not only to Strattons, but to every student of the history of those early Colonial days.

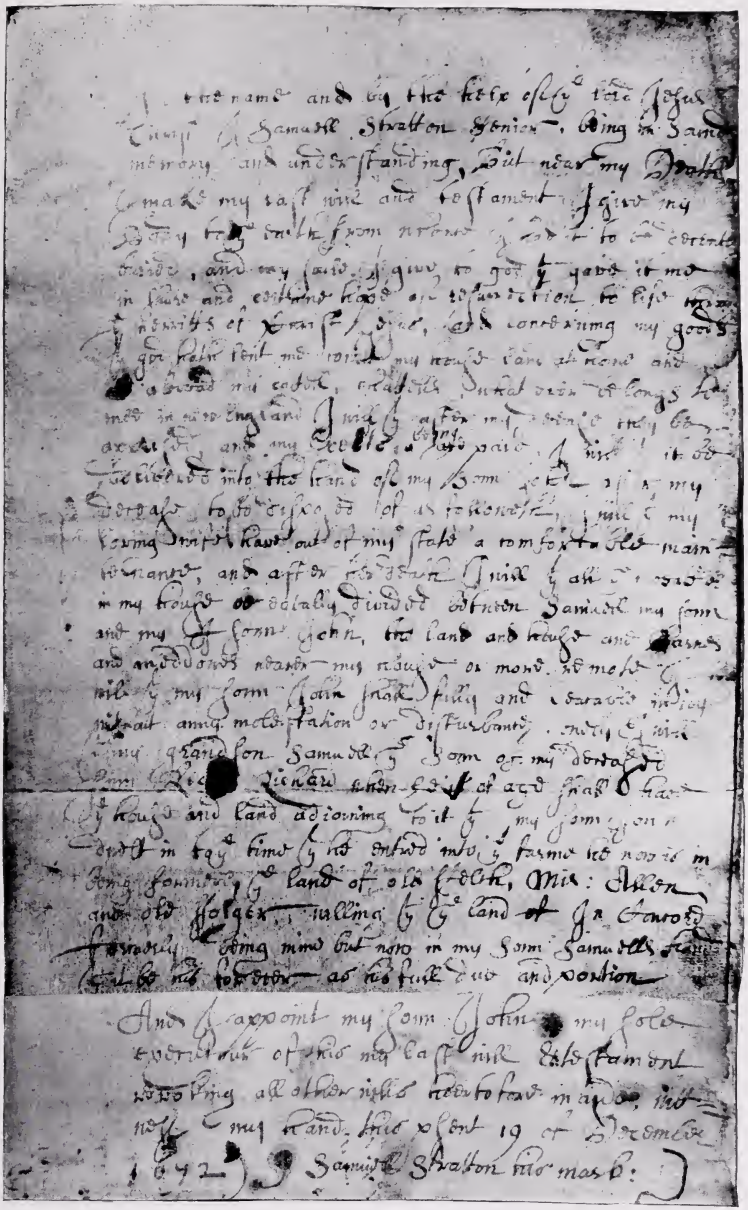
Bowlins, and widow of William Parker of Scituate and Boston. They were married in Boston by Governor John Endicott. Margaret died, a widow, in Watertown, December 7, 1676, aged 81 years. Samuel Stratton owned real estate in Watertown and Concord,—several lots, with mansion, barn, orchard, etc. His descendants are found to-day in almost every State in the Union. More than two thousand of them have been traced. In almost every case they are among the substantial citizens of the towns in which they dwell,—many occupy positions of trust and honor.

Will of Samuel Stratton [1]

1672

In the name and by the help of ye Lord Jesus Christ I Samuel Stratton Senior, being in Sound memory and understanding, But near my Death I make my last will and testament I give my Body to ye Earth from whence I had it to be decently buried, and my soule I give to God y^{t} gave it me in shure and certaine hope of ressurection to life through ye merritts of Christ Jesus, and concerning my good y^{t} God hath left me to wit—my house and land at home and abroad my cattell chattlles what ever belongs to mee in New England I will y^{t} after my decease they be apprised, and my Debts being paid I will y^{t} it be delivered into the hand of my sonn John after my Decease to be disposed of as followeth. I Will yt my loving wife have out of my state a comfortable maintenance, and after her death I will y^{t} all ye movables in my house be equally divided between Samuell my sonn and my sonn John, the land and house and barnes and meddowes nearer my house or more remote I will yt sonn John shall fully and peacably injoy without any molestation or disturbance, onely I will yt my grand son Samuell ye sonn of my deceased son Richard when he is of age shall have ye house and land adjoining to it yt my sonn John dwelt in to ye time yt he entered into ye farme he now is in being formerly ye land of old Felch, Mis. Allen and old Folger, willing yt ye land In Concord formerly being mine but now in my sonn Samuells hand yt it be his forever as his full due and portion.

And I appoint my sonn Johnmy sole executour of this my last will & testament revoking all other wills heretofore made, wittness my hand this p^{r}sent 19 of December 1672.



ORIGINAL WILL OF SAMUEL STRATTON, PRESERVED AT THE COURTHOUSE IN CAMBRIDGE. From a photograph

(*Pages* 153–161)

My will is yt servant Thomas Cooper have a cow after my decease.

his
SAMUEL X STRATTON, [SEAL]
mark

Sealed & delivered in prence of
Richard Norcross.

Cambr. 31, 1mo 1673

Mr. Richard Norcross being sworne do say that he was prsent when Samuel Stratton above named deces'd, Signed, Sealed & Published this instrument as his last will & testament, and that according to his best understanding he was of sound judgement & memory when he so did.

Justinian Holden aged abt 60 years being sworne do say that he was present with the above named Samuel Stratton deces'd abt ye time he made this his last will as he apprehends it was ye same day and he ye sd Samuel declared to him that he had an intent to alter one yt he had formerly made and that he would make his last will to be accord to the contents of this above written instrument, for the substance thereof, and according to his best understanding he did judge him at yt time to be of sound Judgment & memory.

Before Capt. Daniel Gookin
& Thomas Danforth, Recorder

This will was made when he was "near his death,"—which probably accounts for its not bearing his autograph. He died December 25, 1672, aged 80 years.

INVENTORY OF ESTATE OF SAMUEL STRATTON [1]

1672

This is An Inventory of the houses and Lands and moveables of Samuel Stratton senior deceast apprised by us who have here subscribed this 3d of Janu. 1672.

	£—s—d
Impr: Wearing cloaths both linnen and woollen.....	001.15.00
In ye Roome called ye parler: One fether bed and fether bolster three fether pillowes 2 pillow beers and a straw bed, one paire of sheets, one blanket one rugg with ye bedstead and curtains and valants.....	008.00.00

A cubbard and cubbard cloath and a deske	001.00.00
A table 2 forms six qushons 3 Chairs one stoole	001.10.00
A warming pan: a paire of tongs and a paire of small cob-irons	000.10.00
In ye roome called ye kitchen: three kitles 2 skillets of brass and a brass ladle	001.10.00
seven pewter platters 2 little plates of pewter, 2 pewter cups a pint botle one salt one pewter pott, and a dram cup, six spoones	01.04.00
one Iron morter one friing pan a pair of tongs a tramell a peele one Iron candle stick: an old gridiron an iron pot with pot hooks a chafindish a little morter and pestell a fier shovell and a spit 2 smoothing irons and a brand a churne five cheese fatts a sive	001.00.00
a kneeding trough 3 pailes a tray 4 wooden dishes 2 earthen pans one earthen pott a paire of small skales and weights 8 trenchers	001.00.00
Ammunition; 2 muskits a fowling peece, a rest, a cutlass a paire of bandeleeves, worme and scowrer-bullets	001.10.00
In ye roome called ye butry: a tabll, a box, a Keeler, a linnen wheele 2 woolen wheels a reaell with other lumber	001.00.00
In ye Chamber over ye parler: A small flock bed, one fether pillow, a small boltster 2 sheets	001.00.00
and some old lumber in the same chamber	00.10.00
In ye Chamber over ye Kitchen: 4 hoops, and 4 boxes for cart wheeles, one oxnaile with other old Iron and 3 plow shars one coulter	001.10.00
a cross cut saw, a handsaw, a hamer a perser stock, a wry bit, 3 axes, 2 wedges, a paire of beetle rings one aguer one breaking up how, with old Iron	000.16.00
In ye room called ye Ciller: 6 barrells, a small quantity of meet and tallow, 3 old Keelers	001.00.00
A parcell of small cheeses	000.16.00
A grindstone and iron wrench	00.06.00
Utensils for husbandrie: one old cart and wheeles and irons belonging to them, and one tumbrill with wheeles to it, one plow, two yoaks, 2 chains, a cart rope	005.10.00

about 4 bushels of Indian corne in the ears	00.10.00
pease and wheate in ye barne and small quantity of hay	02.00.00
seaven hors kind young and old	015.00.00
eleven neat cattle young and old	22.00.00
2 sheepe and two swine	01.10.00
A dwelling house and out houses with ye land about ye od houses ye Land containing about 65 acres with one acre of marsh	100.00.00
10 acres of meadow in Cambridge bounds neare Justinian Houldings	020.00.00
A lott called divident land of thirty five acres	009.00.00
A parcell of land called township land of ten acres	007.00.00
A parcell of land called a farme	008.00.00
A panall	000.04.00
A fowleing peece, a case of pistolles and holsters and a hemp comb an Iron crow and a spade	001.13.00
An other dwelling house and barne with nineteene acres of land to it	030.00.00
A frow and a paire of hooks for a yoake three roods of upland	001.10.00

The estate of Samuel Stratton afors'd was apprised ye day and yeare afforsaid by us.

RICHARD BEERES.
HENRIE BRIGHT.
WILLIAM BOND.

Children:—*Born in England.*

+2 Samuel,[2] d. 1707, in Concord.
+3 John,[2] d. 1720, in Watertown.
+4 Richard,[2] b. 1629; d. 1658, in Watertown.

Although there is nothing in Samuel Stratton's will to indicate that he had other children than these three sons, it is not at all improbable that there were others who remained in England. A more thorough study of the Strattons of County Kent, Eng., might discover the baptismal records of his children, and establish his line there,—and might account for other Strattons of New England.

2. SAMUEL STRATTON [2] (*Samuel* [1]) was born in England and probably came to Watertown with his father as early as 1647. March 25, 1651, he married **Mary Frye.**

"1651. Samuell Straton and Mary fry Marryed the 25:1: m."

She was probably a daughter of *John Frye,* who died in Andover in 1693, but no record of her birth has been found. About four years after their marriage they removed to Concord, where he owned land and where his descendants lived for many generations.*

Mary died October 27, 1674. The following year Samuel married **Hannah Wheat,** daughter of *Moses Wheat.* The date of her death is not known, but Samuel's death is thus recorded: "Samuel Stratton, sen[r] ye husband of Hanah his late wife dyed December ye 5th day, 1707."

Children:—*Born in Watertown, Mass.*

– 5 Anna,[3] b. Apr. 4, 1652; m. **Wm. Hayward** of Concord, Apr. 14, 1672.

Born in Concord, Mass.

– 6 Mary,[3] b. Jan. 19, 1656; m. **Daniel Hoar,** son of *John Hoar,* July 16, 1677. She d. 1716, and Daniel m. Mary Lee.

+ 7 Samuel,[3] b. 1660; d. 1717.

– 8 John,[3] b. Oct. 28, 1662; d. June 9, 1670.

+ 9 Richard,[3] b. 1664; d. 1724.

–10 Judah,[3] b. Nov. 28, 1666; d. Mar. 11, 1667.

–11 Eleazer,[3] b. Feb. 12, 1668; d. in military service at Fort Ann, in 1688–9.

–12 John,[3] b. June 4, 1671; d. Apr. 28, 1672.

–13 Joseph,[3] b. Oct. 2, 1676; d. Dec. 9, 1693.

–14 Rebecca,[3] b. Aug. 26, 1678.

3. John Stratton[2] (*Samuel*[1]) is first mentioned in Watertown in 1652, though he is supposed to have come from England with his father. March 10, 1658, he married **Elizabeth Traine,** daughter of *John* and *Margaret Traine* of Watertown. She was born September 30, 1640, and died May 7, 1708.

* Concord was founded in the fall of 1635—a plantation on the site of an old Indian village, Musketequid. Many of its early inhabitants were for a while in Watertown. At a town meeting, August 3, 1635, the voters of Watertown agreed that "there be too many inhabitants in the Town, and the town thereby in danger to be ruinated." Watertown was then about six miles square, and had, according to Bond, one hundred landowners! Samuel Stratton bought land in Concord of Thomas Adams in 1656—two parcels, with dwelling house, barn and orchards—when he is called "a planter."

WILL OF JOHN STRATTON [2]

1708

In the name of God, Amen the fourth day of Novemb[r] 1708. I John Straton of Watertown in the county of Midd[x] within her Majesties Province of the Massachusets-Bay in New-England yeom: being weak in body, but of Sound & Desposeing memory, thanks be given unto god therefore, calling unto mind the mortallety of my body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, Do make & ordaine this my last will and testament, that is to saie, principally & first of all I give & commend my Soul into the hands of god that gave it; and for my body I comend it to the earth, to be buried in a christian-lik and-Decent manner, at the Discretion of my executors, assuredly hoping at the Gen[ll] Resurrection I shall receive the same againe by the mighty power of god: And as for the worldly estate it hath pleased god to bless me with in this life, I give, devise & dispose of the same in the following manner & form.

Imp[r]: I give and bequeath to my son John Straton & to his heires and assignes forever the mantion house barn & orchard that he now liveth in and halfe the land (that is to say) the whole of my homstall to be equally Divided between my Son Samuell Straton & sd: son John he sd John to have that and so eastward where he now dwelleth, untill the one halfe be mad up. also I give to my sd Son John that lott called Clerks lott, my sd Son Samuel Straton to have free egrese & Regres—thro sd lands for ever.

Item I give and bequeath to my Son Joseph Straton & to his heires & assignes for ever my lott of wood-land lying neer to Liue[t] Jn° Bruers. and all my sheep, and fifteen pounds in cuntrey pay to be paid him by my executors within fower years after my Deces. by my executors. equally out of my estate.

Item: I give and bequeath to my son Samuell Straton and to his heires & assignes for ever the other halfe of my homstall together with my mantion house barn out houseing & orchards, and also that lot of land lying over the way against my sd: house called by the name of Brights lott, also all my wareing apparrell both woollen & linen, also my best fether bed, bed sted curtaines & vallent and al the beding therto belonging, together with all my husbandrey utencels and my oxen. and also fower chaires

my great brass kittle & a tramill, one pair of andirons, spitt, fier-pan & tongs, also my will is that what provision I die seized of be returned to my sd: son at my Deces, also that my sd: Son Samuell & his heires & assignes to have for ever throw my son Johns land free egrese & Regrese with cattles, carts and what he may have occation for. also I give to my sd: son Sam[ll] my Sword musquet & ammunition, livery cobard and the long table and wencecod chest.

Item: I give to my two own Daughters Eliz: & Rebecca: my little cobart & *and* the great box.

Item: I give and bequeath to my Daughter Elizebeth Chenry two pounds and ten shilling in contrey pay to be pd: her by my executors equally, and also one cow, (she having alredy had the greatest part of her portion out of my estate) within fower years after my Deces to be pd.

Item: I give and bequeath to my Daughter Rebecca Seaverns fifty shilling in contrey paie to be pd her within fower years after my Deces, and also on cow, she haveing had the greatest part of her portion alredy.

Item: I give to my Grand Son John Straton my fowlling-peic.

Item: I give to my Daughter in law my son Josephs wife on paire of sheets & one of my best putter platters.

Item: I give and bequeath to my Daughter in law Sarah my son Samuels wife on pair of sheets and the next best of my puter platters.

Item: I give and bequeath to my Granddaughter Elizebeth. Cherny my wives bible.

Item: I give and bequeath to my Grandaughter Eliz: Severns my own Bible.

Item: I give and bequeath to my two Sons Samuell Straton & John Straton & to their heires and assignes for ever all the Rest and Residue of my out-lands wood lands, pasture land meadow land both marsh & fresh meadow together with my close of English grace, all to be equally divided between them, also my tow comb betwen them.

Item: My will is that all the Rest and Residue of my moveable estate excepting two bed steds namly one trundel bed sted and the bed sted in ye Rom where the comb stands I give to my son Samuell with what I have alredy given In consideration of his

care that he hath had on me, and what I hope to Receive of him towards the support of my old age, all the Rest as aforesd to be equally Divided between my five Daughters, namly my son Johns wife, my son Joseph wife, my son Samuels wife my son Chenrey wife, and my Son Severnes wife, and I do nominat, appoint & constitute & ordaine my two sons John Straton & Samuell Straton my executors, to se this my last will & testament performed, and I do herby Revock may null & voide all former or other wils by me herto fore made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year abovesd.

his
JOHN J S STRATON [SEAL]
mark

Signed Sealed & published in the presence of.
Jonas Bond, Samuell Thatcher, Manings Sawin

John Stratton lived twelve years after the date of this will,—outliving by two years his eldest son, whom he had named as one of his executors. He died March 16, 1720.

Children:—*Born in Watertown, Mass.*

−15 Elizabeth,[3] b. 1660; d. 1660.
+16 John,[3] b. 1661; d. 1718.
−17 Elizabeth,[3] b. July 2, 1664; m. **John Chenery,** son of John and Sarah (Boylson) Chenery of Watertown, June 4, 1685.
+18 Joseph,[3] b. 1667; d. 1732.
+19 Samuel,[3] b. 1669; d. 1728.
−20 Rebecca,[3] b. May 16, 1672; m. **Samuel Seaverns,** Dec. 20, 1699.
−21 Ebenezer,[3] b. Nov. 2, 1677; d. Oct. 2, 1678.
−22 Jonathan,[3] b. Mar. 6, 1679. Not mentioned in his father's will, 1708, which seems a good reason for believing that this is the Jonathan who died in Watertown, Dec. 31, 1707,—in all probability unmarried.

4. RICHARD STRATTON [2] (*Samuel* [1]) was born in England, and came over in the "Speedwell" in April, 1656. The first mention we have of him in Watertown is in April, 1658; he then had wife **Susannah.**

1658: "Samuel Straton sonn of Richard and Susan Straton borne the 8 of Aprill."

"Richard Straaton aged abought 30 years: Dyed the 25 of July." (*Watertown Records*)

In the inventory of his estate no land is mentioned. His widow, Susannah (or Susan), married Thomas Darkin, November 11, 1660, and lived in Concord.

Child:—*Born in Watertown.*

+23 Samuel,[3] b. 1658; d. 1726.

7. Samuel Stratton [3] (*Samuel,*[2] *Samuel* [1]) was born March 5, 1660. As eldest son he inherited the homestead at Concord. On the town records he is spoken of as "a weaver." November 28, 1688, he married **Elizabeth Fletcher.** daughter of *Francis* and *Elizabeth* (*Wheeler*) *Fletcher.* She was born in Concord August 24, 1663. His death is thus recorded on the original records at Concord: "Samuel Stratton, the husband of Elizabeth his wife Dyed november ye 30 day 1717 (in his 58th yr. g. s.)." His widow lived many years later, dying April 18, 1762, "in the hundredth year of her age."

Children:—*Born in Concord.*

+24 Samuel,[4] b. 1684; settled in Rutland.

+25 Hezekiah,[4] b. 1688; settled in Northfield.

+26 John,[4] b. 1690; d. 1722.

−27 Elizabeth,[4] b. Feb. 16, 1692; m. Jan. 26, 1713, **Jonathan Minott.**

+28 Joseph,[4] b. 1695.

−29 Mary,[4] b. Mar. 5, 1698; m. Oct. 16, 1718, **James Dawson** of Boston.

−30 Benjamin,[4] b. Dec. 1, 1701; d. unm. in Concord, Nov. 29, 1779. "Non compos" for many years. (*C. R.*)

−31 Anna,[4] b. Nov. 26, 1704; m. ——— **Billing.**

Will of Samuel Stratton [3]

1717

In the Name of God Amen I Samuel Stratton Sen[r] of the Town of Concord in the County of Middx ss in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New england Yeoman Being of sound good and

Perfect memory—Praise be Given to god for the same yit knowing the Uncertanty of this Life on Earth and Being Desirous to Settle things in order Do make and ordaine this to be my Last Will and Testament Hereby Revoking all fformer Wills by me made & signed to be void and of none effect

In Primas My soule I give into the Hands of Allmighty god that gave it in suer and Certaine Hopes of eternall Life through our Lord Jesuss Christ And my Body to the Earth from whence it Came to be Decently Interred at the Discretion of my Executors hereafter Mentioned and after my funerall expencies and Debts Satisfied and paid What Worldly Goods it hath pleased god to Endow me with all I Do give and Bequeath in Manner ffollowing—

Item I give and bequeath to my Well-beloved Wife Eliseabeth Stratton and her Heirs forever: all my moveable goods Whatsoever:

My Will is that my two sons Hezekiah Stratton and Benjamin Stratton shall have so much either of them as shall make thier Parts equall With What John and Joseph Straton have Received by Deeds of Gif from me allread: Allso my Will is that my two Daughters Mary Stratton and Anna Stratton shall have so much of my estate as shall make their Parts equall with thier sister eliseabeth Minott: and Further my Will is that my Wife eliseabeth Straton shall have the whole Improvement of all my Reall estate so Long as shee shall Remaine a Widow in my Name and shee shall have Liberty to sell any part of it for her subsistance if need shall Require to be don with the advice of my Son Samll Stratton and What Land shall Remain after my Wives marraige or Decease my sons shall Devide it equally amongst them all and they to pay to thier sisters so much apeie as one of thier shaers in the Land that shall be Remaining after my Wives marraige or Decease shall be Apprised by Indeferant men: Hereby Authorizing and ffully Impowering My Beloved Wife Eliseabeth Stratton and my son Samuel Stratton to be Executrs of this My Last Will and Testamentt

In Witness Whereof I the sd Samuel Stratton have hereunto Set my hand and seal the twentieth and fifth Day of Aprill Anno 1717 and in the 3d year of his Majesties Reign over England & C

his
Samuel υ Stratton [Seal].
mark

Signed sealed & Published in the Presence of us to be the Last will and testament of Samuel Stratton
Mary Davis, Joseph Meriam, John Meriam Junr

9. Richard Stratton [3] (*Samuel,*[2] *Samuel* [1]) was born in Concord, Mass., in 1664. "1664. Richard son of Samewell Stratton & mary his wife borne 27. desem[r]." (*C. R.*) He seems to have left his native town while quite a young man. He was at Charlestown for a while, and in Boston and Andover, and then settled at Chelmsford where he owned land and a mill. In the records he is styled "Mr. Richard Stratton, miller." January 6, 1686, he married **Naomi (Hoyt)** Lovejoy, widow of John Lovejoy of Andover. She died December 8, 1687, seven days after the birth of their son Ichabod. Twelve years later, April 8, 1699, Richard married **Margaret Sheaf,** who was born in Charlestown, May 12, 1673. His will is at Cambridge Courthouse. It is dated March 4, 1724, and proved the following year. His widow, Margaret, married a Mr. Parker, and died in 1750.

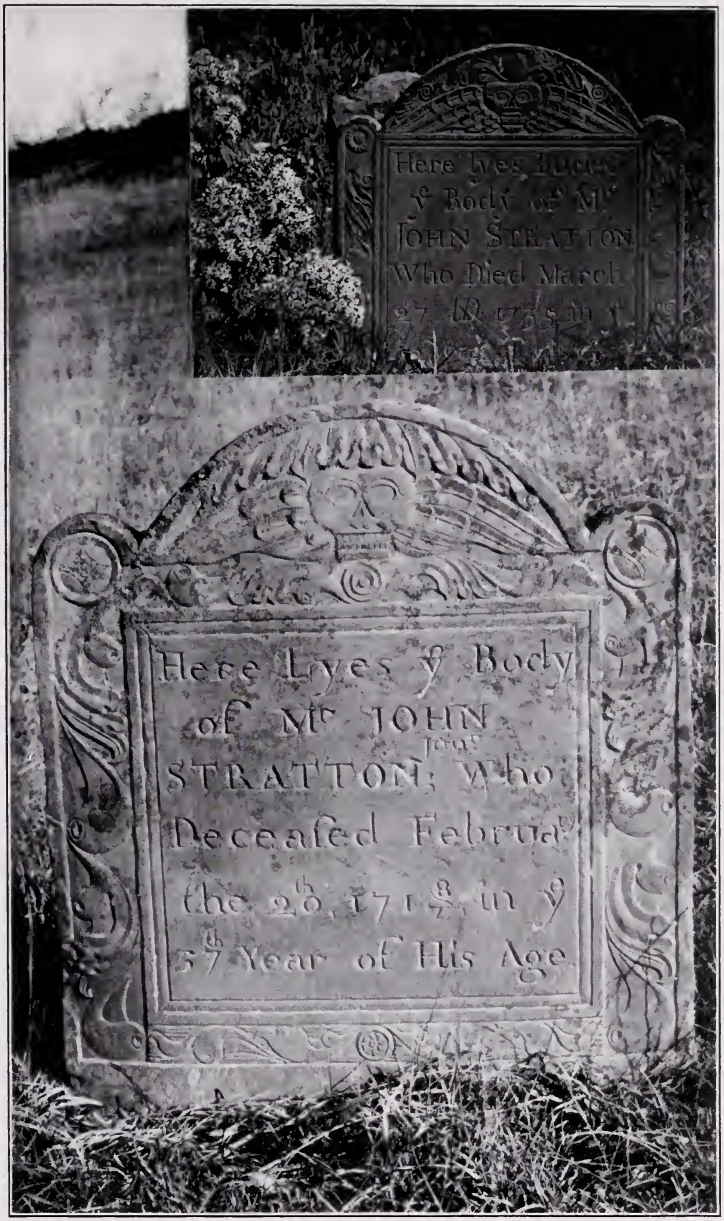
Children:

+32 Ichabod,[4] b. 1687; d. 1762.
−33 Ruth,[4] b. Apr. 11, 1700; m. **Jacob Warren.**
−34 Mary,[4] bapt. Sept. 7, 1702, by Cotton Mather, in Second Church, Boston; m. **Joseph Adams.**
−35 Margaret,[4] b. Oct. 1, 1705; m. **Jonas Whitney.**

16. John Stratton [3] (*John,*[2] *Samuel* [1]) was born August 24, 1661. He lived in Watertown, where the births of his five children are recorded. He married **Abigail** (Prentice?) about 1688. She died October 25, 1732, aged 66 years. He died, intestate, February 20, 1718, and his estate was administered the following year. Both are buried in the Old Arlington Cemetery, corner Arlington and Mt. Auburn Streets, Watertown, where stones mark their graves. (Nos. 211 and 212.) In the division of the estate the five children are named. An inventory of the estate includes the manor house, barn and orchard, and 30 acres of land valued at £300, and specifies £7, 6*s.* 9*d.* per annum for the maintenance of "Mr. John Stratton, the honored father of the deceased."

Children: *Born in Watertown.*

+36 John,[4] b. 1689; d. 1735.



Tombstones of John Stratton (*No.* 16, *Chart G*) and His Son John Stratton [4]

(*Pages* 168 *and* 175)

+37 Ebenezer,[4] b. 1692; d. 1735.
−38 Abigail,[4] b. Sept. 14, 1698; m. **John Stone** of Framington, Nov. 4, 1719.
−39 Mary,[4] b. Sept. 14, 1698 (twin); m. **Samuel Myrick** of Watertown, on May 19, 1718.
+40 Jabez,[4] b. 1701; d. 1774.

In the division of John Stratton's estate it is shown that Ebenezer (37) received "his full portion in his father's lifetime and before me (Judge Foxcroft) did release all claim," etc.*

18. JOSEPH STRATTON [3] (*John*,[2] *Samuel*[1]) was born January 13, 1667; married **Sarah Howe,** daughter of *Abraham* and *Hannah* (*Ward*) *Howe,* November 14, 1695. They settled in Marlboro, Mass., where he owned several lots of land, where his name appears frequently on the town records, and where he died September 18, 1732, "between 2 and 3 o'clock in the morning, in his 66 year." His widow, Sarah, died in Marlboro in 1646. The legatees of her will, made September 29, 1746, and proved November 10 of the same year, were the four children named below and her grandsons, Aaron Brigham and Joseph Temple.

Children:—*Births recorded in Marlboro, Mass.*

+41 Joseph,[4] b. 1796; d. 1774.
−42 Sarah,[4] b. Nov. 30, 1700; m. **Thomas Brigham** of Marlboro, Jan. 25, 1720.
−43 Elizabeth,[4] b. Sept. 13, 1710; m. **Abraham Temple** of Marlboro, Apr. 12, 1732.
+44 Jonathan,[4] b. 1714; d. 1758.

19. SAMUEL [3] (*John*,[2] *Samuel* [1]) was born August 18, 1669, and lived in Watertown. He married **Sarah Perry** in Watertown, December 20, 1699. They were married by "Mr. Henry Gibbs, minister." This was a "double wedding," as the record says Samuel was married at his father's house and his sister Rebecca was married at the same time and same place. Sarah was a daughter of *John* and *Sarah* (*Clary*) *Perry* and was born in Watertown,

* It has been thought that there were other children in this family, whose births are not recorded at Watertown. The writer has found nothing to indicate it.

July 11, 1675; and died there in 1726, three years after the death of her husband. He died September 28, 1723. From 1703 to 1722 he was tithing man, constable and surveyor in Watertown.

Children:—*Births recorded in Watertown.*

−45 Sarah,[4] b. Aug. 6, 1701; d. in infancy.

+46 Samuel,[4] b. 1703.

−47 Nathaniel,[4] b. Nov. 2, 1705; m. **Esther Parker,** daughter of *Nathaniel Parker,* in Newton in 1728, and d. a few months later. Their daughter Abial (133) was b. Jan. 28, 1729, after the death of her father, and m. **Thomas Larraly** of Cambridge in 1748. Esther Stratton, widow, d. in March, 1775. Nathaniel's estate was not yet settled in 1732, when his "rate" is given in Watertown records.

−48 Sarah,[4] b. 1710; m. **John Sawin, Jr.,** of Watertown, May 1, 1739.

−49 Elizabeth,[4] b. June 20, 1713; m. **John Ferguson,** "late of Watertown, now of Sudbury."

+50 Jonathan,[4] b. Apr. 4, 1716; m. **Elizabeth,** daughter of *John* and *Elizabeth Sawin* of Watertown, June 14, 1739.

The will of Samuel Stratton (19) names the five children above, all under age. Jonathan Stone was appointed guardian for Sarah and Elizabeth; Joseph Mason for Jonathan. March 20, 1726, the sons, Samuel and Nathaniel, were appointed to administer their mother's administration. Before the estate was settled, however, Nathaniel died, and the business was finished by Samuel, with Isaac Watson as surety.

23. Samuel Stratton[3] (*Richard,*[2] *Samuel*[1]) was born in Watertown, April 8, 1658. His father died when he was but three months old, and two and a half years later his mother married again. By his grandfather's will in 1672 he was to have a house and land in Watertown when he became of age. He was then fourteen. We know nothing more of him until 1689, when we find him with wife **Ruth,** living in Concord, Mass. Here his seven children were born, and here he died in 1726. "Samuel Stratton Husband to Ruth his wife died October ye 11, 1726" (*C. R.*)

Children:—*Born in Concord, Mass.*

−51 Samuel,[4] b. Feb. 2, 1689; d. "son of Samuel and Ruth," Jan. 28, 1715. He was doubtless unm.

−52 Ruth,[4] b. June 23, 1692; m. **Jonathan Pike** of Concord, Apr. 25, 1716.

−53 Susannah,[4] b. June 6, 1696; m. **Moses Keyes,** July 4, 1718.

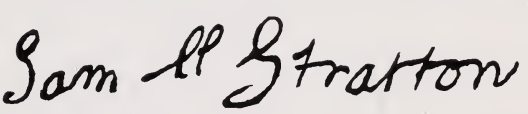
−54 Mary,[4] b. June 10, 1698; d. Jan. 5, 1717.

+55 Enoch,[4] b. 1700; d. 1755.

+56 Jabez,[4] b. 1703.

−57 Abigail,[4] b. Jan. 24, 1705.

24. SAMUEL STRATTON[4] (*Samuel,*[3] *Samuel,*[2] *Samuel*[1]) was born in 1684. As eldest son he succeeded to the Stratton homestead in Concord by "deed of gift" in his father's lifetime. "Sam[ll] Stratton & **Sarah Allen** both of Concord, were married by ye Rever[nd] Mr. Joseph Estabrooke January ye 11[th] day 1709/10" (*C. R.*) They lived in Concord until about 1736, when they removed to Rutland, Mass. Their son Hezekiah remained in Concord and his descendants lived there for many years.



Signature in 1722, from a Paper Concerning the Settlement of His Father's Estate

Children:—*Born in Concord, Mass.*

−58 Thomas,[5] b. Mar. 6, 1710; m. in Concord, May 30, 1732, **Sarah,** daughter of *Nathaniel* and *Sarah* (*Baker*) *Ball* of Concord. After this date his name does not appear on the records at Concord. Information concerning him is desired. The Balls and Bakers were old families of Concord. *John Ball,* the immigrant, was in Watertown in 1630.

−59 Sarah,[5] b. Apr. 6, 1712; d. Feb. 3, 1723.

+60 Hezekiah,[5] b. 1714. Sons settled in New Hampshire and Vermont. See *Vol. II.*

−61 Jonathan,[5] b. June 29, 1716. His name does not occur again upon the records at Concord. (This may be the Jonathan who was killed by the falling of a tree at a

place called "Elictzander," near Concord, in 1774, whose estate was administered by Eleazer Brooks and John Hartwell, and who left widow, **Elizabeth.** In the administration no children are named.)

−62 Jane,[5] b. Dec. 14, 1717; m. **John Fletcher** in Rutland, 1738.

−63 Mary,[5] b. Oct. 27, 1719; m. **Timothy Brown** in 1750.

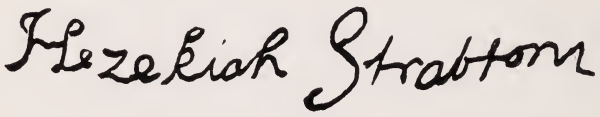
+64 Samuel,[5] b. 1720; d. 1809. See *Vol. II.*

−65 Elizabeth,[5] b. Mar. 13, 1723.

−66 Ebenezer,[5] b. Feb. 13, 1725; d. in Rutland in 1741.

−57 Sarah,[5] b. Apr. 8, 1733; m. **John Watson** in Rutland in 1771, as his second wife.

25. Hezekiah Stratton[4] (*Samuel,*[3] *Samuel,*[2] *Samuel*[1]) was born in Concord in 1689. In 1713 he went to Deerfield, Mass.,



and two years later settled at Northfield. He bought land in Northfield as early as May 10, 1713, but does not seem to have gone there to live until 1715. On July 12, 1717, he married **Elizabeth Hawks,** daughter of *Eleazer Hawks* of Deerfield. He was one of the first permanent settlers of Northfield and one of the influential men of the town. He was chosen surveyor in 1722; was town treasurer in 1723, and selectman in 1721–28–40–41–43. He was wounded by the Indians when Northfield was attacked on the morning of October 9, 1723. He was a lieutenant under Captain Elijah Williams in the French and Indian War. "Hezekiah and his six sons were brave and intelligent soldiers, who served their country well." (*History of Northfield.*) Five of his sons were landowners in Northfield in 1751. He died in December, 1756. His widow, Elizabeth, died April 9, 1788, aged 90 years.*

Children:—*Born in Northfield.*

+68 Ebenezer,[5] b. 1718; d. 1801; captain in French and Indian War. See *Vol. II.*

* See *History of Northfield* for many mentions of this family.

+69 Samuel,[5] b. 1720; d. 1803; ensign in French and Indian War. See *Vol. II.*

−70 John,[5] b. Oct. 28, 1721; sergeant and ensign; at Crown Point expedition in 1754; killed by the Indians on that terrible "Bloody Morning" of Sept. 8, 1755.

+71 Eleazer,[5] b. 1722; d. 1789. In French and Indian War. See *Vol. II.*

+72 Hezekiah,[5] b. 1724; d. 1800. In French and Indian War. See *Vol. II.*

−73 Mary,[5] b. Aug. 22, 1725; m. **Joseph Stebbins** of Deerfield.

−74 Sarah,[5] b. June 24, 1727; d. Oct. 17, 1736.

−75 Hannah,[5] b. Apr. 11, 1729; d. Oct. 29, 1729.

−76 Asa,[5] b. Jan. 19, 1731; at Crown Point in 1754; killed by the Indians at Northfield, Sept. 8, 1755.

−77 Hannah,[5] b. Sept. 9, 1732; m. **Philip Mattson,** Jan. 28, 1762.

26. JOHN STRATTON [4] (*Samuel,*[3] *Samuel,*[2] *Samuel* [1]) was born in Concord, July 17, 1690. He married **Elizabeth Carter,** daughter of *Sebrean* and *Elizabeth Carter* of Concord, June 27, 1716. They resided in Boston. He died in 1722–3,



and his widow, Elizabeth, married William Atkinson in 1725. This is probably the John Stratton who is spoken of in *Suffolk County Court Files, Folio,* 15–457, as a coaster and mariner. In 1721 he was sued by Samuel Dewey of Georgetown, Maine, concerning some lumber. The "Pay Rolls" dated March 8, 1722, to December 17, 1722, contain the name of "John Stratton, mariner, in his majesties service to the Eastward" (i. e. on the coast of Maine), as master and pilot commanding sloop "George," a transport.

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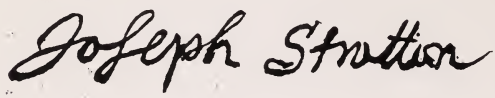
Children:

−78 Elizabeth,[5] bapt. in Second Church, Rev. Cotton Mather, minister, Sept. 6, 1719.

−79 Sebrean,[5] bapt. Feb. 19, 1720–21.

−80 Samuel,[5] of whom James Dawson, his uncle, was appointed guardian in 1726.

28. Joseph Stratton [4] (*Samuel,*[3] *Samuel,*[2] *Samuel* [1]) was born January 31, 1695-6. January 30, 1717, he married **Rachel Woolley,** daughter of *Joseph* and *Rachel Woolley* of Concord. She was born June 14, 1698. Their eleven children were born in Concord, 1717–42. In 1752, Joseph Stratton was in New Hampshire. That year a charter was granted the town of Washington, N. H., and among the signers to the petition were Joseph Stratton, gentleman, and his son Nathan. February 12, 1753, Joseph Stratton, Joseph Wheeler, John Mills, Jonathan Fisk and Abel Miles, all of Concord, sold land in Washington, N. H., to Peter Prescott of Concord. Joseph seems, however, to have returned to Concord, and to be living their in 1765, but neither his, nor his wife's death is recorded at Concord. When his daughter Elizabeth died in 1802, the church records refer to her as the daughter of the "Late Ensign Joseph Stratton." His will, made in 1773, names only four children, Elizabeth, Dorothy, Jonas and John.



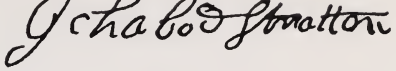
Children:—*Births recorded in Concord, Mass.*

+81 Joseph,[5] b. 1717; d. 1754. See *Vol. II.*
−82 Rachel,[5] b. Dec. 20, 1719.
+83 Nathan,[5] (or Nathaniel?) b. 1723; d. 1760. See *Vol. II.*
−84 Elizabeth,[5] b. July 6, 1725; d. unm. in Concord, Oct. 22, 1802.
−85 Dorothy,[5] b. Aug. 4, 1727; m. **Nathaniel Williams** of Weston, Sept. 20, 1750.
−86 Lydia,[5] b. Dec. 10, 1729.
+87 Jonas,[5] b. 1732. See *Vol. II.*
−88 Lois,[5] b. Mar. 14, 1735.
−89 Abigail,[5] b. Aug. 13, 1737; m. **Solomon Wheeler,** son of Francis and Mary Wheeler of Concord.
+90 John,[5] b. 1740. Revolutionary soldier. See *Vol. II.*
−91 Charles,[5] b. Apr. 8, 1742. At Fort Dummer in 1760. "Reported dead, 18 years of age."

32. Ichabod Stratton [4] (*Richard,*[3] *Samuel,*[2] *Samuel* [1]) was the only son of "Mr. Richard Stratton" of Chelmsford.

He was born December 1, 1687. His mother died when he was

a week old, which may account for his name, Ichabod, i. e. "child of sorrow." He learned the cooper's trade while a boy. He lived in Chelmsford, Littleton, Brookfield and Hardwich. In 1709 he married **Elizabeth Hildreth** of Charlestown. In 1731 he was chosen constable of Hardwich, and in 1739 Surveyor of Highways. He died in 1762.



Children:—*Births recorded in Chelmsford, Mass.*

− 92 John,[5] b. 1710.
+ 93 Richard,[5] b. 1712; d. 1768. See *Vol. II.*
− 94 Isaac,[5] b. 1715.
+ 95 Francis,[5] b. 1716. See *Vol. II.*
− 96 Naomi,[5] b. Feb. 6, 1718.
+ 97 Ichabod,[5] b. 1722. See *Vol. II.*
− 98 Elizabeth.[5]

Births recorded in Brookfield, Mass.

+ 99 David,[5] b. 1728. See *Vol. II.*
−100 Ruth,[5] b. May 25, 1730.

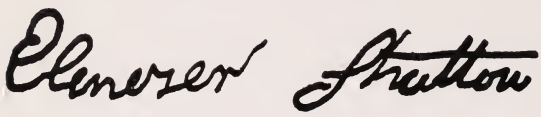
36. JOHN STRATTON [4] (*John*,[3] *John*,[2] *Samuel* [1]) was born May 4, 1689, married **Mercy Holden,** daughter of *William Holden*, and lived in Cambridge. Like his father he was "a weaver." Deeds show that he bought and sold several pieces of land in Cambridge. He lived on Mt. Auburn Street—probably on the old homestead of his great-grandfather, Samuel,[1] which he, as eldest son, must have inherited. He is mentioned in his grandfather's will in 1708. He died March 27, 1735–6, aged 46, and is buried in the old Arlington graveyard (No. 215). In the settlement of his estate the five children below are mentioned. His widow, Mercy, married Christopher Grant, about 1739.

Children:—*Born in Cambridge, Mass.*

+101 Joshua,[5] b. 1722; d. 1753. See *Vol. II.*
−102 Mercy,[5] b. Sept. 22, 1724; d. 1749, unm.?
−103 Eunice,[5] b. Dec. 22, 1727; m. **Joseph Coolidge,** Dec. 11, 1753.
−104 Abigail,[5] b. Dec. 7, 1729; m. **Ephraim Seager,** Oct. 28, 1755.

+105 John,[5] b. 1732; m. **Mary Coolidge;** ancestor of the Strattons of Swanzy, N. H. See *Vol. II.*

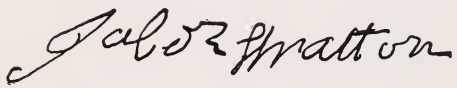
37. Ebenezer Stratton [4] (*John,*[3] *John,*[2] *Samuel* [1]) was born in Watertown, December 1, 1692, and baptized in Charlestown, May 7, 1693. He learned the tailor's trade. June 6, 1716, he married **Lydia Fuller** of Newton. They lived in Cambridge. He died intestate, December 4, 1735, and letters of administration were granted his widow, December 29. She died November 9, 1647, leaving a will which is recorded in East Cambridge.



Children:—*Births recorded in Cambridge.*

−106 Lydia,[5] b. 1717; m. **Samuel Child** of Dudley in 1734.
−107 Abigail,[5] b. 1718; d. 1736.
−108 Elizabeth,[5] b. 1720; m. **Joseph Cook,** June 7, 1739.
−109 Thankful,[5] b. 1721; m. **Ebenezer Richards,** Dec. 24, 1741.
−110 Mary,[5] b. 1722; m. **Samuel Walker,** Dec. 20, 1750.
−111 Sarah,[5] b. 1725; m. **Isaac Williams, Jr.**
+112 John,[5] b. 1727; d. 1791. See *Vol. II.*
−113 Ebenezer,[5] probably died young. In administration of the father's estate in 1735, John is called "only son."

40. Jabez Stratton [4] (*John,*[3] *John,*[2] *Samuel* [1]) was born March 28, 1701, and married **Tibitha Coolidge,** daughter of *Thomas* and *Sarah* (*Eddy*) *Coolidge,* April 29, 1725. They were married in Watertown by Rev. Seth Storer. She was born November 2, 1702. They lived in Watertown for about eleven years after their marriage and then removed to Sherburne (now Sherborn), Mass., in 1736–7. His name appears often on the records. In Watertown he owned several lots of land, and was "tithing-man" for several years. In Sherborn, he was one of the substantial men of the town. He made his will October 26, 1764, and it was proved March 29, 1774. In it he mentions only wife Tibitha, and sons Abijah, Nathan and



Elias, with Benjamin Kendall as administrator, but in the settlement of the estate Jonas Greenwood receives a portion also.

Children:—*Born in Watertown, Mass.*

+114 Abijah,[5] b. 1728; d. 1774. Lived in Natick, Mass. See *Vol. II.*

+115 Nathan,[5] b. 1726; d. 1805. Lived in Sherborn. See *Vol. II.*

+116 Elias,[5] b. 1730——. Removed from Sherborn to Athol, Mass. See *Vol. II.*

−117 Sarah,[5] b. 1734; m. **Jonas Greenwood.** *Born in Sherborn.*

−118 Ebenezer,[5] b. Apr. 30 (?), 1742. Not mentioned in father's will, 1764.

41. JOSEPH STRATTON [4] (*Joseph,*[3] *John,*[2] *Samuel* [1]) was born in Marlboro, Mass., March 10, 1696, and lived and died in his native town. A deed shows that in 1748 he sold land in Marlboro to his brother Jonathan. No wife joins him in this deed.

August 23, 1772, Joseph Stratton of Marlboro, and wife **Abigail** convey to William Boyd, land in Marlboro, "excepting that part set off to Betty, widow of Jonathan, as a part of her third."

March 2, 1767, Joseph Stratton, gentleman, of Marlboro, made his will, which was proved May 31, 1778, by William Boyd, executor. The legatees are wife Abigail, Jonas Sanders, "if he stay with me till he is 21," nephews, Aaron Brigham and Joseph Temble, both of Grafton, and William Boyd. Abigail Stratton, widow, died in Marlboro in 1795, leaving a will dated 1792. This will gives legacies to Molly Rice "who lived with me before her marriage;" to Louise Morse, "whom I brought up from her youth, and to her two daughters—Abigail who was named after me, and Anne;" to Francis Morse and Louise his wife "from whom I have received many favors and hope I have made them equal returns."

The greater part of their estate went to their adopted son, William Boyd. He married Lydia Morse; served in the Revolution and died in Marlboro in 1817, aged 82 years.

44. JONATHAN STRATTON [4] (*Joseph,*[3] *John,*[2] *Samuel* [1]) was born in Marlboro, December 28, 1714. He married **Elizabeth Brigham** of Marlboro, February 23, 1742. He inherited and succeeded to

the homestead of his father in Marlboro, where he lived and died. His name occurs often on the records there. He died August 10, 1758. His estate was administered by Hezekiah Maynard. His widow, Elizabeth ("Betty") continued to live in Marlboro, where she married Elisha Hodges in 1765. She died in 1793 and her son Jonathan Stratton was appointed her administrator, March 11, 1794.

Children:—*Born in Marlboro, Mass.*

+119 Jonathan,[5] b. 1742. See *Vol. II.*

−120 Betty,[5] b. Apr. 11, 1744; m. **William Brigham,** Sept. 4, 1764.

−121 Sarah,[5] b. Mar. 20, 1746; m. **Daniel Barnes,** Nov. 14, 1769.

+122 Samuel,[5] b. 1748. See *Vol. II.*

−123 Lucy,[5] b. Dec. 4, 1750; d. unm., Apr. 1, 1771.

−124 Aaron,[5] b. Sept. 6, 1753; d. Oct. 19, 1753.

46. Samuel Stratton [4] (*Samuel,*[3] *John,*[2] *Samuel* [1]) was born April 23, 1703. He lived in Watertown, where he owned real estate, and is called both "a miller" and "a weaver." In 1732 he, with others, petitioned the proprietors for half an acre of "ye common and undivided land of Watertown upon which to erect and maintain a windmill." He married twice, first **Hannah Smith** of Dedham, October 28, 1725, and second **Hannah Grover** of Cambridge, December 7, 1738.

Children:—*Births recorded in Watertown.*

−125 Oliver,[5] b. Sept. 6, 1727.

−126 David,[5] b. Mar. 1, 1731.

−127 Mary,[5] b. Aug. 13, 1733.

+128 Samuel,[5] b. June 29, 1739. See *Vol. II.*

−129 Sarah,[5] b. July 6, 1742.

−130 Hannah,[5] b. Aug. 19, 1745.

+131 Nathaniel,[5] b. Oct. 16, 1748. See *Vol. II.*

−132 Sarah,[5] b. Nov. 18, 1750.

Further records of this family are very much desired.

55. Enoch Stratton [4] (*Samuel,*[3] *Richard,*[2] *Samuel* [1]) was born in Concord, Mass., November 24, 1700. He was with the Continental Army, under Captain Penhollow at Georgetown (now

Bath), Me., July 19 to November 14, 1722. Nothing more is known of him until 1725, when we find him living in Weston with wife, **Rebecca.** The following year he returned to Concord, and lived there for several years, and then removed to Glastonbury, Conn., where he bought land, April 18, 1743, for £100, and June 6, 1743, for £50. In these deeds he is called a blacksmith. He was in the French and Indian War, serving in Colonel Eleazer Goodrich's 2d Regiment, Connecticut Militia, April 13 to October 29, 1575, and in 3d Company, 3d Regiment, under Major John Paterson, March 31 to October 25, 1756. He died in Glastonbury and his will is recorded at Hartford. His widow, Rebecca, died February 13, 1794, aged 95 years.

Children:—*Born in Weston, Mass.*

+134 John,[5] b. 1725; d. 1761. See *Vol. II.*

Born in Concord, Mass.

−135 Mary,[5] b. Oct. 26, 1726; m. ——— **Nickols.**

+136 Samuel,[5] b. 1728. See *Vol. II.*

+137 Isaac,[5] d. 1759. See *Vol. II.*

−138 Rebecca,[5] b. Apr. 17, 1731; m. ——— **Gustin.**

WILL OF ENOCH STRATTON [4]

1755

In the name of God amen I Enoch Stratton Blacksmith of the town of Glastonbury in the County of Hartford and in the Colony of Connecticut in New England in America this 24th day of May Anno Domi 1755 and in the 28th year of the Reign of our Sovereign George the Second King of Great Britain &c being in usual health of body and of perfect mind and memory, Thanks be to God therefore yet now seriously calling to mind the mortality of my body believing that it is appointed for all men once to die I do make and ordain this my last will and testament Viz Principly and first of all I give and recommend my soul to God who gave it and my body to be buried with a decent burial nothing doubting but at the great and general Resurrection, I shall receive the same again by the great and Almighty power of God and in addition to my worldly Estate which it has hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I give demise and despose of in the following manner and form imprimis I give and bequeath to my faithful and

well beloved wife Rebeccah one third part of all my Real Estate to her use and benefit as long as she continues my Widow or in Lieu and stead thereof a good and comfortable maintenance to be allowed her by my three sons if it should be her Choice and desire that they should support her while she remains my Widow I likewise give and bequeath to my said beloved wife all and every my household movable Estate goods to her own proper use and behoof and dispose forever I also give and bequeath to my well beloved son John one third part of all my Real Estate in Lands Buildings fruit trees and woods in the Township of Glastonbury together with all the appurtenances and privileges thereunto belonging in fee simple forever to himself heirs and assigns. I likewise give and bequeath to my said beloved son John one third part of my cattle farming tools and implements and one third part of my Smith tools and of all my out door Estate and movables whatever to him his heirs and assigns to their own proper use and benefit forever It is likewise my will that he pay to his Sisters Mary Nickals and Rebeccah Gustin Ten pounds each in current bills of the old tenor equal to Exchange of Spanish dollar at three pounds twelve shillings per dollar within the time of one year after my decease.

I likewise give and bequeath to my beloved son Samuel one third part of the farm I now live upon in the township of Glastonbury together with one third part of the buildings thereon standing and of all the trees thereon growing and of all the appurtenances and privilages thereunto belonging and one third part of all my lands and Real Estate in Glastonbury to himself his heirs and assigns as a good Estate in fee simple forever. I likewise give my said Son Samuel the one third part of all my out door movables and cattles and of my Smith tools and farming tools and of all the other movables excipting what movables I have given to my wife to him his heirs and assigns to their proper use and benefit forever and it is my will that my said son Samuel take that part of my Estate I now live upon which Contains all of the buildings if it be his choice so to do when he and his brothers come to devide he allowing to them the Quantity and Quality in other lands or Estate as they and he shall agree or as shall be determined by men mutually chosen by them to apprise and make the division between him and them in case they do not agree on the division

themselves. I likewise will and order my said son Samuel to pay to each of his Sisters aforenamed ten pounds appeace in current bills as afore expressed within a year after my death.

It is my will that my three sons divide my real and personal Estate between them equally in quantity and quality and that they be equal in maintaining my wife and in paying my debts. I likewise give to my well beloved son Isaac his heirs and assigns forever as a good indefeasible Estate one third part of all my Real Estate in lands and of my personal Estate and movable Estate as afore expressed to his brother John and it is my will he pay to his two sisters fore named Twenty pounds old tenor &c within one year of my Decease. It is my will my three sons pay all my just debts and that they equally receive all debts due me. I likewise give my beloved Daughter Mary Nickals thirty pounds current money of the old tenor to be paid her by her brothers within one year after my death. I likewise give and bequeath to my well beloved Daughter Rebeccah Gustin thirty pounds old tenor to be paid as fore expressed to her sister Mary. I will that my apprentice Timothy Gosler live with my son John after my death until he be fifteen years of age and from the age of fifteen until he is one and twenty it is my will that he live with and sirve my son Samuel and that said Samuel teach said Timothy Gosler my apprentice his art or trade of a blacksmith perform the indenture. I do Constitute and ordain Mr Samuel Kimberly and Mr John Kimberly both of Glastonbury executors of this my will and testament and I do hereby revoke and disanul all and every other former testaments wills Legacies and bequests and Executors by me in any ways before named and made willed and bequeathed Ratifying and Confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament. In witness and confirmation hereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above mentioned.

Enoch Stratton.

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced and declared by Enoch Stratton as his last will and testament in the presence of us the subscribers

Isaac Chalker, Stephen Strickland, Joanna Chalker

56. Jabez Stratton [4] (*Samuel*,[3] *Richard*,[2] *Samuel* [1]) was born

in Concord, Mass., February 15, 1703; married **Sarah** ———, who died in Concord, October 26, 1725, leaving an infant son, Benjamin. Soon after her death Jabez left Concord and went to Lexington. Before 1732 he married **Margaret** ———. He died in Lincoln, in 1754; his estate was administered by John Hoar, with Joseph Bridge of Lexington, and Thomas Wright of Woburn as sureties.

Children:—*Born in Concord.*

+139 Benjamin,[5] b. 1725. A Revolutionary soldier. See *Vol. II.*

Born in Lexington.

−140 Sarah,[5] b. April 30, 1732; d. Apr. 29, 1735.

+141 Jabez,[5] b. 1733. See *Vol. II.*

−142 Sarah,[5] b. June 1, 1737. Joseph Abbott was her guardian in 1754.

−143 Anna,[5] b. 1740; d. 1740.

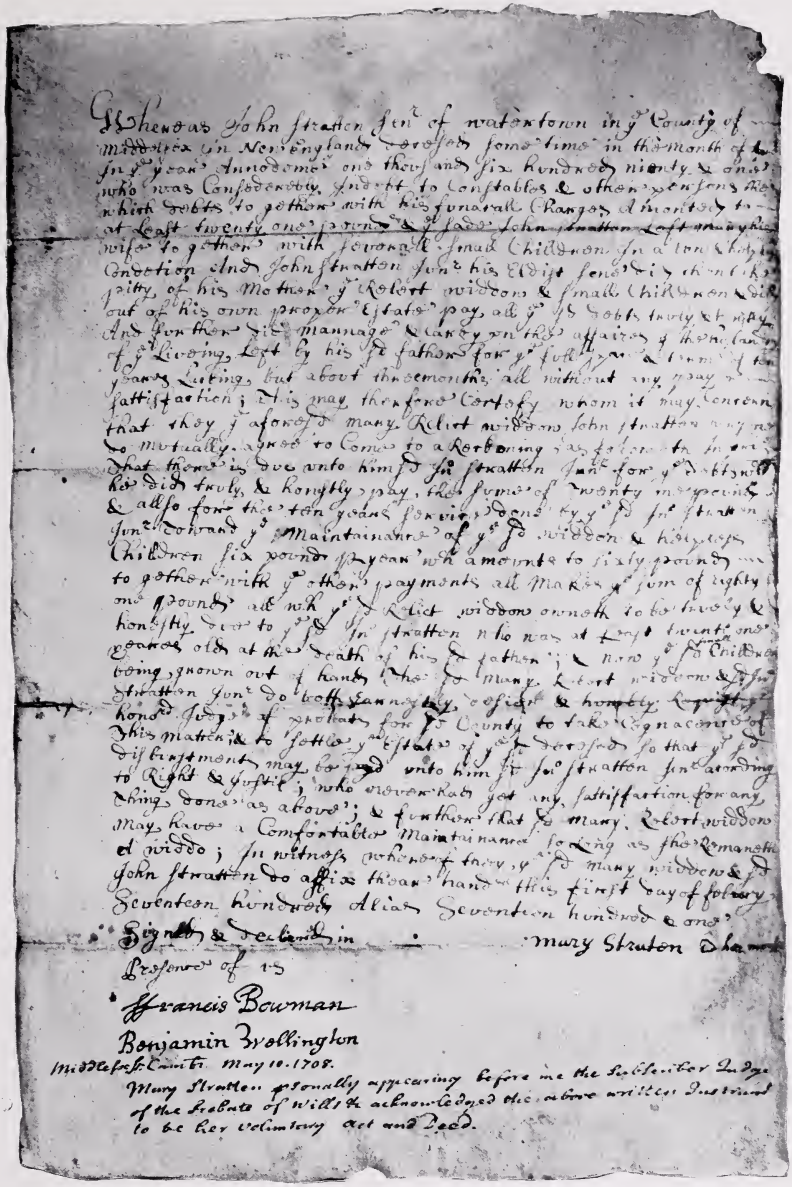
JOHN STRATTON[1] OF WATERTOWN

(*See Chart H*)

1. John Stratton was married in Watertown, Mass., in 1667. His marriage is thus recorded on the town books: "John Stratton and Mary smith Joyned in Marryage the 26. 9mo. 1667." (**Mary Smith's** ancestry is given on page 155.) From a deposition taken in 1672, we learn that he was born in 1642; hence was twenty-five years old at the time of his marriage.* His home lot in Watertown was in the western part of the town and joined the land of his father-in-law, *Thomas Smith.* Here John Stratton died April 7, 1691, one month before the birth of his son Samuel. The property remained undivided for some years, the eldest son, John Stratton, Jr., "caring for his mother and her several small children, out of his own proper estate, paying all ye debts truely and honestly and further did manage the husbandry of ye living left by his said father for full 9 years."

In January, 1701, "the younger children being well out of hand,

* Neither the place, nor exact date of his birth has been found. In 1670 Zachariah Smith "of Piscatqua" met an "untimely death, killed by the Indians." In the settlement of his estate in October, 1672, John Stratton, aged 30 years, of Watertown, and Stephen Smith, aged 25 years, gave deposition concerning "our father Thomas Smith." (See *page* 155.)



Original Paper Concerning the Settlement of Estate of John Stratton [1] of Watertown

Photographed at Cambridge for this volume. (*Page* 182.)

the Relect Widdow and her eldest son, did mutually agree to come to a reckoning according to law and justice." Edward Winn, attorney, of Woburn, was appointed to settle the estate. The widow, Mary, continued to live with her eldest son (who had married Bethshuah Applin) until his death in 1708, followed within a year by the death of his wife, leaving several small children. Then, John Applin, father of Bethshuah, moved with his family into the house owned by "the late John Stratton," and paid a yearly rent. Mary and her orphaned grandchildren seems to have lived with the Applins. January 21, 1713, "John Applin presented a paper showing that his son, John Stratton, died in 1708, and his daughter Bethshuah, wife of John Stratton, in 1709, and that his daughter Mary Applin had charge of the children."

January 1, 1719, "a receipt was filed by John Applin from Mary Stratton, widow, for her maintenance, in virtue of a bond given by her eldest son John Stratton, Jr.," dated January 13, 1701.

Mary died September 27, 1719, having survived her husband twenty-eight years.

Children:—*Born in Watertown.*

+ 2 John,[2] b. 1668; d. 1708.
+ 3 Thomas,[2] b. 1670.
– 4 James,[2] b. Jan. 18, 1672; d. 1701 in Bristol County, Mass., "a single man." His estate was administered by his brother-in-law, Henry Nicholson, barber, of Boston, 1702–03. He left a "certain sum of money in the hands of Richard Greenall (or Greeval?) of Little Compton, to be delivered unto my mother Mary Stratton, widow, if she be living, in case of her decease to other relations in Watertown, New England."
– 5 Mary,[2] m. in Woburn, **Edward Winn,** lawyer of Woburn, Jan. 3, 1693.
– 6 Sarah,[2] m. in Boston **Henry Nicholson** of Boston, Jan. 9, 1702, by Rev. Christopher Bridge, "Rector of King's Chapel People."
– 7 Hannah,[2] m. in Woburn, **John Sanderson,** Jan. 1, 1701.
– 8 Judee,[2] b. Aug. 13, 1680; d. young.
– 9 Jonathan,[2] b. Aug. 22, 1684; living in 1701 when Edward Winn was appointed his guardian. (Further data much desired.)

−10 Mercy,[2] bapt. July 30, 1687.

−11 Samuel,[1] bapt. May 10, 1691, "son of Widow Stratton." This is probably the "Samuel Stratton, late a soldier at Fort William" (Boston Harbor) for whom Henry Nicholson was appointed administrator, Apr. 13, 1722.

Of this family the births of John, Thomas, James, Judee and Jonathan are the only ones recorded on the town records of Watertown; the baptisms of Mercy and Samuel are from the Bailey manuscript;* court files show that Mary, Sarah and Hannah belonged to this family; no evidence has been found of any other children.

2. John Stratton [2] (*John* [1]) was born March 3, 1668. He was 23 years old when his father died, and was made joint executor, with his mother, of the estate. For the years he had charge of the property and cared for his mother and his younger brothers and sisters.† February 15, 1690–91, he married **Mary Butters.** Of this marriage no children are recorded. Mary, wife of John Stratton, died in Watertown, November 15, 1695. He married, second, **Bethshuah Applin,** daughter of *John* and *Bethshuah* (*Bartlett*) *Applin,* of Watertown, January 3, 1698. This must have been a "double wedding," as his sister, Mary, was married same date, both by Rev. Samuel Angier. Bethshuah, daughter of Thomas and Hannah Bartlett, was born in Watertown, April 17, 1647, and married John Applin, November 9, 1671. Their daughter, Bethshuah Applin, was born May 1, 1673, and baptized December 5, 1686, her father "having that day owned ye covenant." On March 16, 1708, John Stratton died, aged 40 years. Administration was granted his widow, Bethshuah, May 10, 1608. Before another year Bethshuah died,—April 27, 1609,—and

* Thomas Bailey was a minister at Watertown. At a town meeting in 1685, it was voted that if "Mr. Bailey shall pleese cum to dwell amongst vs to carry on the wurke of ye ministry that ye town decleared that they would give him fower score pounds and his house rent free and suffityant fyreing for the yeare."

† A John Stratton bought 5 acres of land in Watertown of Daniel Church in 1688; 10 acres of woodland of John Smith in 1698; 10 acres of woodland of Lawrence in 1706. These lots were bounded in part by the lands of John and Joseph Smith and John Whitney. A closer study of deeds at Cambridge might show which John Stratton made these purchases.

John Applin was appointed administrator of the estate of his "son and daughter, John and Bethshuah Stratton," and guardian of their children.

Children:—*Baptisms from the Bailey manuscript.*

−12 Mary,[3] bapt. Sept. 25, 1698.

−13 John,[1] bapt. Aug. 8, 1701; d. "a single man," "a soldier to the eastward," under Capt. Moody. Administration granted Jonas Smith in Watertown, Feb. 22, 1721.

−14 Rebecca,[3] bapt. Aug. 8, 1701 (a twin); m., in Framingham, **Jabez Pratt** of Framingham, Mar. 31, 1726.

+15 Jonathan,[3] b. 1702.

−16 Bethshuah,[3] bapt. Sept. 10, 1704.

There may have been other children, but these are the only ones whose baptisms are recorded in Watertown. They were probably baptized in their mother's right. For some reason John Stratton did not have the births of his children entered on the town books, and he may have had children by his first marriage whose births were not recorded.

3. THOMAS STRATTON[2] (*John*[1]) was born in Watertown in 1670 and married there in 1699. Town records: "Thomas Stratton son of John and Mary Stratton borne the 26 Day of october." "Thomas Stratton and Dorcas maxwel Joyned in marriage: July: 19: 1699." **Dorcas Maxwell** was a daughter of *Thomas* and *Dorcas Maxwell* of Boston. She was born February 27, 1678. Thomas Maxwell was a member of the "Scots Charitable Society" in Boston, which determines his nationality. From 1680 onward for about a quarter of a century, he was a "Sealer of Leather" in the town of Boston, and in 1693 was a doorkeeper in the "Great and General Court of the Massachusetts Bay Provence."

Thomas and Dorcas Stratton lived in the Western Precinct of Watertown, where nine children were born unto them. December 1, 1727, Thomas was chosen Surveyor of Highways. In 1731 the town paid him for timber from his farm for a bridge near Deacon Livermore's mill. December 16, 1732, he was still living in Watertown, when "consideration of ye petition of Thomas Stratton and others was adjourned to ye next selectmans' meeting." The petition did not come up at the next meeting, and the

name does not later occur on the town or church books at Watertown or Waltham. No record of the death of Thomas, nor that of Dorcas, has been found. It is probable that they removed with some of their children to some other town and died there.

Children:—*Born in Watertown.*

+17 James,[3] b. 1700; d. 1775.
−18 Thomas,[3] b. Feb. 12, 1702.
−19 Dorcas,[3] b. Mar. 2, 1705.
−20 Mary,[3] b. Jan. 8, 1706; m., in Watertown, **Henry Smith** of Lexington, Feb. 18, 1730.
+21 David,[3] b. 1708; d. 1783.
−22 Samuel,[3] b. Oct. 19, 1709.
−23 Ebenezer,[3] bapt. July 12, 1713; d. in infancy.
−24 Ebenezer,[3] bapt. May 15, 1715.
−25 Mercy,[3] bapt. Jan. 13, 1717; m. **Moses Cutting** in Watertown in 1736.

Of this family David [3] is the only son who settled in Watertown (later Waltham). He seems to have lived on the homestead farm; and some of his children lived there as late, at least, as 1764. Of the sons Thomas,[3] Samuel [3] and Ebenezer,[3] information is much desired. This may be the Samuel Stratton mentioned in the proprietor's records of Mendon who helped in the survey of the town and had a grant of land April 26, 1736, and who married **Mary,** daughter of *Samuel Walker,* of Framingham, November 17, 1737, and in 1741 was in Hopkinton. The compiler has no further record of him.

15. Jonathan Stratton [3] (*John,*[2] *John* [1]) was baptized by Rev. Thomas Bailey in Watertown, August 9, 1702. In 1713 he was "an orphan," living with his grandfather, John Applin, in the house that had belonged to his late father, John Stratton, and was under the charge of his aunt, Mary Applin. In 1720 Jonas Smith, his father's cousin, was appointed his guardian.

In 1723 a Jonathan Stratton of Watertown bought thirty acres of land in Weston, "with a mansion hous on it," of James Whitney of Watertown. February 13, 1724, he mortgaged, to the commissioners of the "Land Bank Scheme," this same house and land for £30. In both the deed and the mortgage he calls himself "Jonathan Stratton, husbandman." In March, 1725, and

again in 1726, Jonathan Stratton, laborer, of Weston, sold land in Weston. No wife signed these deeds. The boundaries of these lands prove that the land sold by Jonathan Stratton, laborer, was the land bought by Jonathan Stratton, husbandman. This last deed, made in 1726, was not recorded until October 11, 1737.*

November 26, 1728, Jonathan Stratton of Weston and **Deborah Cutler** of Watertown were married in Watertown by Rev. Warham Williams "Minister of ye Gosple." † This marriage record is found on both the Watertown and Weston town books. No clew has been found to any children of this marriage, and for ten years the name of Jonathan Stratton does not again occur on the church or town records at Weston.

Among the deeds of Mendon, Mass., is this: Jonathan Stratton of Mendon, housewright, sold to Jacob Gibbs of Hopkinton, for £5 "all interest in any grant the General Court shall make for the services of my late honored father, John Stratton, in the first expedition to Canada." ‡ This paper is dated November 12, 1735, acknowledged by Jonathan in Hopkinton, March 24, 1737, but not recorded until March 10, 1739. (No record of a grant for above services has been found.)

In the clerk of court's office at Cambridge is this: "Jonathan Stratton and wife Deborah, were warned from Hopkinton Aug. 30, 1737. Mehitable Smith was under their charge." And from Watertown Records (Vol. III, p. 175) is this:

"At a meeting of the Selectmen of Watertown on the 23rd day of June 1738. It being Signified to the Selectmen that Samuel Stowell and familie was Come to live in Watertown at one of his Dwelling houses in sd Town who came from Waltham to Watertown the 23rd day of May last. And that John Jenison had taken to live with him one Robert Crow a Lad who came from Salem in the county of Essex. Also the Selectmen are Informed that there is one Deborah Stratton Wife of one Jonathan Stratton come to dwel in Watertown who came last from Hopkinton Some time in

* Whether these land deals refer to this Jonathan Stratton, or to his uncle Jonathan Stratton [2] (John [1]) the compiler has found no means of determining.

† Deborah, a daughter of *Ephriam* and *Deborah Cutler*, was born in Watertown, January 11, 1705.

‡ This was probably the expedition against Montreal under General Winthrop in King William's War. About 1735 the General Court had a spasm of generosity toward its old soldiers and gave grants of land to many.

April last past. And resides with her father Mr. Ep^{m} Culter of sd Watertown,* the selectmen fearing yt the above sd persons may prove Chargable to ye sd Town Ordered the Clerk to Isue out Warrants to ye Constables to warn the aforesd Samuel Stowell Wife & familie Robt Crow & Deborah Stratton forth with to Depart out of sd Watertown the Selectmen refusing to accept of them to be Inhab^{ts} in sd Town." †

The records at Menton, Hopkinton, Waltham, Weston and Watertown have been searched in vain for any later mention of Jonathan with wife Deborah, and her name does not again occur in the records of any of these towns.‡ The name of a Jonathan Stratton appears again upon Weston records in 1738, and from that time it occurs frequently there for more than half a century. (*See Chart J.*)

17. James Stratton [3] (*Thomas*,[2] *John* [1]) was born in Watertown, June 29, 1700. He married **Deborah Rand,** daughter of *William* and *Persis* (*Pierce*) *Rand.* The Rands were one of the good old families of Charlestown. *Thomas Rand,* the father of William, was a son of *Robert* and *Alice Rand* who came to Charlestown about 1636. Thomas married *Sarah,* daughter of *Edmund* [1] and *Elizabeth* (*Whitman*) *Edenden* of Scituate and Boston. Persis was the daughter of *Samuel* and *Mary Peirce* and granddaughter

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* Ephriam Cutler married *Deborah,* daughter of *John and Sarah Stone* in 1703. He moved from Watertown to Brookfield about 1739.

† This "warning out of town," which sounds so harsh to-day, was then often but the common notice of the weekly selectmen's meeting to put on record the fact that the "said persons" had recently come to town and were not recognized as townsmen, and the town, by giving this legal notice, could not in any way be held responsible for them. In one case, in Watertown, a woman "warned out of town," died soon after, while her husband was abroad, and the town gave her a sumptuous funeral, showing that she was a much respected person.

‡ Dorchester town records has this:

"March 27, 1750. Jonathan Clapp of Dorchester, born in 1705, married Deborah Stratten of Braintree, as second wife."

The Clapp Genealogy says:

"Jonathan Clapp m. Deborah Straten of Braintree but a member of the church at Waltham. She died Feb. 16, 1780, aged 75 years."

Who this Deborah was (or whether maid or widow at the time of her marriage with Jonathan Clapp) has not been determined.

of *Thomas* and *Elizabeth Peirce*, who came to Charlestown about 1634. She was born January 30, 1668–9, and died June 25, 1748. She married, first, John Shepherd in 1690, who died the following year; and married, second, William Rand, who was born September 11, 1674, and died February 9, 1747. Their daughter Deborah married James Stratton,[3] October 12, 1721, in Watertown.

For five or six years after their marriage James and Deborah lived in Charlestown and Boston, and then removed to Stonington, Conn., where they united with the church and where they lived for about seven years. Three of their children were born there. In the spring of 1736 they left Stonington, and, returning to Massachusetts, settled at Athol (then called "Pequoid" or Payquage Plantation), where land was granted him and he became one of the proprietors of the town, and where some of his descendants live to this day. The exact date of Deborah's death, and of the births of the younger children, cannot be ascertained, as the records of the first fifteen years of Athol were burned. In a paper signed by James Stratton in 1748, concerning some money coming to his children from the estate of their grandparents, William and Persis Rand of Charlestown, he refers to his "late wife Deborah." His home was on "The Street" (now Pleasant Street) in that part of Athol then known as "East Pequoid Hill." *

James Stratton made his will March 15, 1774, and it was probated November 6, 1776. His death occurred October 22, 1776. He was doubtless buried in the old cemetery on Mill Brook, where

* In July, 1732, the "Great and General Court" ordered the laying out of the township of Pequoid six miles square. The committee of survey was instructed to "lay out sixty-three house-lots, two for religious purposes, one for a schoolhouse, and one for each of the sixty proprietors who should settle there on." No settlement was made until September, 1735, when five men with their wives "set out on foot from Hatfield, with their clothing, provisions and furniture on their backs" to build new homes in the dense forest. These were Richard and Samuel Morton, Ephraim Smith, John Smeed and Joseph Lord. The following spring they were joined by others, among whom was James Stratton. And here in the wilderness, fifteen miles from any white settlement, surrounded by prowling, hostile and treacherous Indians, these heroic men and women courageously endured privations and hardships, and laid the foundations for the prosperity, independence and happiness of their descendants.

the graves of the early settlers are marked by simple, rough, field stones, with no inscriptions.*

Children:—*Born in Charlestown.*

−26 Mary,[4] d. in Charlestown in May, 1724, aged 16 mo.

Born in Boston.

−27 Mary,[4] b. Sept. 2, 1724; bapt. in Cambridge, Sept. 17, 1724; m. **John Rand** in May, 1744; d. before 1774.

Born in Stonington, Conn.

+28 James,[4] b. 1729; d. 1782.

−29 Deborah,[4] b. Nov. 4, 1733; m. **Seth Kendall,** 1756, in Athol.

−30 William,[4] b. 1735; d. 1805.

Born in Athol, Mass.

−31 Elizabeth,[4] m. **Benjamin Townsend** of Athol, 1769.

+32 Stephen,[4] b. 1743; d. 1814.

−33 Abigail,[4] m. ——— **Chase** of Petersham, Mass.

+34 Peleg,[4] b. 1748; d. 1833.

WILL OF JAMES STRATTON, SR.

1774

Will allowed Nov. 6th, 1775.

In the name of God, Amen, this fifteenth day of March A. D. 1774 I, James Stratton of Athol in ye County of Worcester & Province of ye Massachusetts Bay in New England cordwainer, calling to mind my frailty & mortality & knowing that it is appointed to all men once to die, do make & ordain this my last will & testament in manner following that is to say,

First of all, I give & recommend my soul to the tender mercy of God through ye merits of my only Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and my body I commit to ye earth to be decently buried at ye discretion of my executor hereafter named, and touching such worldly goods and estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life,

Imprimis my will is that after ye payment of my just debts and funeral charges and I do hereby give sons James Stratton, William Stratton, Stephen Stratton and Peleg Stratton part & part alike in all my estate, two parts to my daughters *an* including what they have already received from me as part of their portion as

* In 1859 the town erected, near the spot where the first meetinghouse stood, a large granite monument in memory of these early settlers.

may appear on my book of accompts excepting thirteen pounds six shillings and eight pence that my son James Stratton hath received is not to be reckoned as part of his equal portion of my estate with his brethren, it being so much that I have given him more than I have given his brethren because he is my old son.

Item, I give to my daughters Abigail Chase Deborah Kendall Elizabeth Townsend part and part alike in all my estate half as much as my sons including what they have respectively received as part of their portion as may appear on my book of accompts. Item, I give to Mary Rand daughter of my daughter Mary Rand deceased half as much in all my estate as one of my daughters including one half of what her mother Mary Rand, received of my estate as part of her portion of my estate as may appear on my Book of accompts.

Item, I give to the heirs of my Grandson John Rand one half part as much in all my estate as one of my daughters including one half of what my daughter Mary Rand received of her portion out of my estate as may appear on my book of accompts.

Item, My will further is, That whereas my daughters Deborah Kendall & Elizabeth Townsend lived at my house some time after they were eighteen years old, so that I acknowledge myself indebted to each of them eight pounds, I do hereby order my executor hereafter named to pay each of them eight pounds out of my estate before there be any division of my estate for their service as aforesaid.

Item, I do constitute & appoint my well beloved son James Stratton of Athol aforesaid the sole executor of this my last will & testament, renouncing and forever revoking all other & former wills, ratifying & confirming this and this only as my last will.

James Stratton

[SEAL].

Signed, sealed, published & declared by the testator to be his last will in presence of us have set our hands as witnesses ye day & date above.

Jno. Haven, Stephen Batchelor, Reuben Graves.

21. David Stratton [3] (*Thomas,*[2] *John* [1]) was born November 20, 1708, in Watertown; married **Hannah Smith** of Lexington, January 30, 1728,—daughter of *Joseph, Sr.*, and *Hannah Smith.* She was born in Lexington in September, 1707. They were married by Rev. Warham Williams. Their home was in that part of the town which in 1738 became Waltham. Here they lived for over thirty years, and then removed to Bolton, Mass., where David died in the spring of 1783. Administration on his estate was granted his son, David Stratton, Jr., in May, 1783.*

Children:—*Births recorded in Watertown.*

−35 Hannah,[4] b. Sept. 26, 1729.

−36 Lydia,[4] b. Mar. 1, 1737; m. **Samuel Nutting,** Oct. 22, 1751. *Births recorded in Waltham.*

−37 Eunice,[4] b. Mar. 15, 1738.

−38 Lois,[4] b. Feb. 25, 1739; m. **John Demont** of Newton, Oct. 29, 1764.

+39 David,[4] b. 1742; d. 1819.

−40 Mary,[4] b. Feb. 29, 1744; m. **Thaddeus Hastings** of Lexington, May 29, 1763.

+41 Jonas,[4] b. 1746.

28. James Stratton [4] (*James,*[3] *Thomas,*[2] *John* [1]) was born in Stonington, Conn., and baptized there January 6, 1729, by Rev. Ebenezer Rossiter. When six years old he moved with his parents to Athol, Mass., where he lived the remainder of his life. December 26, 1751, he married **Abigail Morton,** daughter of *Samuel* and *Lydia* (*Smith*) *Morton.*

Samuel Morton was son of *Abraham* and *Sarah* (*Kellog*) *Morton* of Hatfield, and a grandson of *Richard* and *Ruth Morton* who settled in Hatfield from Hartford, Conn., in 1670.†

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* March 17, 1783, David Stratton, Sr., of Bolton deeded to Jonas Stratton one acre of land in Stow, and Jonas was to "buy his sister Hannah a brass kettle, new, holding 4 pailsfull." David Stratton, Jr., was witness to this deed.

† Sarah Kellog was a daughter of *John* and *Sarah* (*Moody*) *Kellog* of Hadley, and a descendant of *John Denning*, one of the petitioners for the Connecticut Charter.

Richard Morton was a grandson of *George Morton*, the "financial agent" of the "Mayflower." He did not, however, come over in the "Mayflower," but remained in Holland where he married *Julia Carpenter* about 1621, and came to Plymouth three years later in the "Ann."

Samuel Morton married *Lydia*, daughter of *Nathaniel* and *Mary (Dickinson) Smith*, in Hatfield in 1731, and became one of the "five first settlers" of Athol.

The marriage of his daughter Abigail to James Stratton, Jr., was the first marriage in the church of Athol, by its first minister, Rev. James Humphreys. A meetinghouse had been built by the first settlers, but was burned before it was quite completed. The next was built on "The Street," near the Fort. Here religious services were held, but no church was organized "with an orthodox minister" until May, 1750. The Mortons were active in its organization.

James Stratton was elected selectman in 1774–75–76–78. The date of Abigail's death is not recorded. James died July 29, 1782 and is buried in the old cemetery on Pleasant Street.

Children:—*Born in Athol.*

+42 Zebulon,[5] b. 1753; d. 1842; a Revolutionary soldier. See *Vol. II.*

−43 Maribah,[5] b. July 20, 1755; m. **Stephen Batcheler** of Athol, Apr. 28, 1774.

+44 Thomas,[5] b. 1758; d. 1818; Revolutionary soldier. See *Vol. II.*

−45 Asa,[5] b. 1760; d. aged 19; a Revolutionary soldier at the age of 17 years.

−46 James,[5] b. 1765; d. 1785.

The stone marking the grave of James Stratton,[4] in the old cemetery, bears this inscription:

In memory of
Mr. James Stratton
who died July 31st 1792
in the 63rd year
of his age.
Pause and think, as you pass by
As you are now so once was I;
As I am now so you will be,
Prepare for Heaven and follow me.

30. WILLIAM STRATTON[4] (*James*,[3] *Thomas*,[2] *John*[1]) was born in Stonington, Conn., in January, 1735, and was only a few months

old when his parents removed to Athol. He married **Elizabeth Smith** of Athol in 1780. He died in 1805, and is buried in the Lower Village Cemetery. His will is recorded at Worcester.

Children:—*Born in Athol, Mass.*

+47 James,[5] b. 1780; d. 1851. See *Vol. II.*

−48 Joshua,[5] b. 1783; d. 1862; m. **Elizabeth Phillips;** no children. He was blind for many years.

+49 Asa,[5] b. 1785; d. 1835. See *Vol. II.*

−50 Ira,[5] b. 1788; d. aged 7 years.

−51 Sarah,[5] b. 1790; m. **Levi Derby.**

−52 Elizabeth,[5] b. 1793; m. **Elihu Fields** in 1811.

−53 Esther,[5] m. ——— **Robinson.**

−54 Mary,[5] m. **Moses Wood,** 1817.

32. Stephen Stratton [4] (*James,*[3] *Thomas,*[2] *John* [1]) was born in Athol, Mass., in 1743. In 1767 he married **Martha Graves** of Athol. April 9, 1775, he responded to the Lexington call, and was a sergeant in Captain Ichabod Dexter's company. September 28, 1777, he re-enlisted and served in Colonel Nathan Sparhawk's regiment with the Northern Army at the reduction of Burgoyne. He died in his native town and the stone marking his grave in the old cemetery bears this inscription:

Col.
Stephen Stratton
died
March 31, 1814
aged 71

By its side is a stone to the memory of Mrs. Martha Stratton, wife of Colonel Stephen Stratton, who died November 15, 1810, aged 66 years.

Children:—*Born in Athol.*

−55 Hannah,[5] b. 1767; m. **Benjamin Fairbanks,** 1787.

+56 Nathaniel,[5] b. 1770. See *Vol. II.*

+57 Levi,[5] b. 1772; d. 1821. See *Vol. II.*

−59 Nancy,[5] b. 1774; d. 1810.

+59 Abner,[5] b. 1776; d. 1852. See *Vol. II.*

−60 Stephen,[5] b. 1778; d. aged 6 years.

−61 Ezra,[5] b. 1781; moved to Vermont.

−62 Stephen,[5] b. 1783; d. aged 18 years.

+63 Harvey,[5] b. 1781. See *Vol. II.*
−64 Martha,[5] b. 1785; m. **Luther Lord** of Athol.

34. PELEG STRATTON [4] (*James,*[3] *Thomas,*[2] *John* [1]) was born in 1748. He lived in Athol, on land inherited from his father. He was with his brother Stephen at the reduction of Burgoyne. In his native town he was noted for his wit and humor, and many stories are told by his descendants of his humorous sayings and readiness in repartee; also of his love of music. He married **Elizabeth Kendall,** daughter of *Jesse* and *Elizabeth* (*Evans*) *Kendall. Lieutenant Samuel Kendall,* father of Jesse, was one of the "five first settlers" of Athol in 1734. He served in the French and Indian War, was a man of great activity and enterprise, and one of the influential men among the early settlers.

Peleg died in 1833, aged 85 years.

Children:—*Born in Athol.*

−65 Deborah,[5] b. 1770; m. **Samuel Morse.**
−66 William,[5] b. 1773; d. in childhood.
+67 Abel,[5] b. 1775; d. 1829. See *Vol. II.*
−68 Elizabeth,[5] b. 1778; m. **William Townsend,** 1805.
+69 Peleg,[5] b. 1781; d. 1860. See *Vol. II.*
−70 Jesse,[5] b. 1783; d. aged 4 years.
+71 David,[5] b. 1786; d. 1853. See *Vol. II.*
+72 Jesse,[5] b. 1789; d. 1864. See *Vol. II.*
+73 Andrew,[5] b. 1791; d. 1848. See *Vol. II.*
−74 James,[5] b. 1795; d. in Hillsboro, Ga., in 1825; unm.
+75 Asa Evans,[5] b. 1798; d. 1877; settled in the South in 1819. See *Vol. II.*

39. DAVID STRATTON [4] (*David,*[3] *Thomas,*[2] *John* [1]) was born in Waltham, December 26, 1742; married **Dinah** (Wheeler?) about 1769. For two or three years following their marriage they lived in Stow, and then settled in Bolton, Mass., where he was a farmer.* His name appears upon the Lexington Alarm Rolls,

* The plantation between Concord and Lancaster at first bore the Indian name "Pompossitticut," and in 1683 was established as Stow. Bolton was a part of Lancaster until June 24, 1738. The bounds between Stow and Marlboro were not established until 1783. Parts of the original plantation were later included in the towns of Sudbury, Harvard, Boxboro and Hudson—and in all these towns Stratton records have been found.

April 19, 1776, in Colonal Asa Whitcomb's regiment. He died in Bolton in 1819, aged 77 years. His will is in the probate office at Worcester.

Children:—*Births recorded in Stow.*

−76 John,[5] b. Oct. 31, 1770 (further data desired).
−77 Lydia,[5] b. Feb. 25, 1772; d. unm.

Births recorded in Bolton.

−78 Lucy,[5] b. 1773; m. **Hooker Sawyer** in Marlboro, 1795; called "dearly beloved daughter" in her father's will.
−79 Anna,[5] b. 1778.
−80 Susannah,[5] b. 1780; m. **Stephen Stow.**
+81 Isaac,[5] b. 1782. See *Vol. II.*
−82 Elizabeth,[5] b. 1784; m. **Thomas Carr.**
−83 Achsah,[5] b. May, 1786; d. in Bolton, July 28, 1786; never married.
−84 Mary,[5] b. 1788; m. **Timothy Goodale** of Marlboro.
−85 Levina,[5] b. 1790.

41. Jonas Stratton[4] (*David,*[3] *Thomas,*[2] *John*[1]) was born in Waltham, July 14, 1746. Some time before 1770 he bought land in Stow and settled there. He was a Revolutionary soldier in 1777, and again in the summer of 1778, in Captain Nathan Sergeant's company stationed at Winter Hill. By trade he was a carpenter. March 15, 1770, he married **Anna Barnard** of Bolton, who was born February 6, 1755. He died March 14, 1797.

Children:—*Born in Stow, Mass.*

−86 Lois,[5] b. July 24, 1771.
+87 Lewis,[5] b. 1773; d. 1851. See *Vol. II.*
+88 Sewell,[5] b. 1775; d. 1830. See *Vol. II.*
−89 Mary,[5] b. Nov. 24, 1780.
+90 John,[5] b. July 12, 1782. See *Vol. II.*
−91 Abigail,[5] b. Mar. 20, 1785.
−92 Anna,[5] b. Mar. 13, 1788.
+93 Jonas,[5] b. Oct. 10, 1791. See *Vol. II.*
+94 David,[5] b. May 5, 1794. See *Vol. II.*
−95 Barnard,[5] b. Aug. 25, 1796.
−96 Lydia,[5] b. Aug. 25, 1797 (twin).

Of the above sons more information is desired concerning John, Jonas, David and Barnard.

STRATTONS OF WALTHAM AND WESTON

On the records at Watertown (later Waltham) and Weston appear, in 1717 and 1738, the names of two Strattons of whose parentage proof is yet lacking, although long and faithful search has been made for the same—Joseph Stratton of Waltham and Jonathan Stratton of Weston.

That they belong to one or the other of the two Watertown lines (Samuel,[1] or John [1]) there is no shadow of a doubt.*

Bond, and other recognized authorities, supposed them to be the sons of Joseph Stratton [3] of Marlboro. Original papers at Cambridge prove that they do not belong to the Marlboro branch.†

Joseph [3] (John,[2] Samuel [1]) had two sons, Joseph and Jonathan, but they are fully accounted for on pages 169, 177 and 178. Joseph, Jr., of Marlboro evidently left no descendants (page 177), while the children of his brother Jonathan [4] are fully traced. Also, see Jonathan,[4] son of Samuel, on page 170.

On the following pages is shown all that has thus far been found concerning these two men. The search for further data concerning them has been most thorough; still it is not impossible that among unindexed and unclassified material in Cambridge Court Files, or elsewhere, may yet be found some record which will prove their places on the Stratton "genealogical tree."

JOSEPH STRATTON OF WALTHAM

(See Chart I)

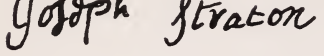
On the "Second Book for the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages for the town of Watertown" is this entry: "Joseph

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* It might be well to recall here, that the house of Samuel Stratton [1] (inherited by his son John [2] and John's children) was in the eastern precinct of Watertown, a part of which later became Cambridge; while the house of John Stratton [1] was in the west precinct. In 1708 a "heap of stones" on the land of John Stratton was on the dividing line between Watertown proper and Watertown farms—later Weston. See *Watertown Records, Vol. II, p.* 183.

† The writer has found nothing to *prove* any relationship between Joseph of Waltham and Jonathan of Weston, but there was certainly very close intimacy between their families, and their homes were not far apart.

Stratton and Sarah Hager both of Watertown wer Married by Mr. Samuel Angier, a minister of the Gosple in S[d] Town, June 14th 1717." No record of his birth has been found, but the record of his age at the time of his death shows that he was born about 1690, hence was about 27 years old at the time of his marriage. By trade he was a cordwainer, and deeds show that Joseph Stratton, cordwainer, bought land in Watertown in 1716–20–22–24. At a town meeting held in Watertown, March 6, 1726, he was chosen constable. To this office he was again chosen in 1727–30–31. In 1732 he was chosen tithing-man. In this same year (March 6) he bought a piece of land of John Stowell, paying £149 for it, and March 21, 1743, he bought of Joseph Mansfield still another tract, of seven acres, for which he paid £99. These two tracts joined the land he already owned and were bounded on the south by the town way, and were in Waltham.



Sarah Hager, daughter of *Samuel* and *Sarah Hager*, was baptized in Watertown "ye 24th of May, 1691." Samuel was son of *William* and *Mary* (*Bemis*) *Hager*, and was born in Watertown, March 20, 1645.

To Joseph and Sarah Stratton seven children were born. The births of none of them are recorded in Watertown until 1730–1, when the births of the first six were recorded at one time, on page 73, of the "Second Book for the Registry of Births," etc.

Children:—*Probably born in Watertown.*

−2 Elizabeth, b. June 12, 1718; m. **Samuel Harrington;** d. in 1770.

−3 Sarah, b. Mar. 6, 1720; m. 1st, **Shubaal Child, Jr.,** of Weston, Feb. 11, 1744; he was killed in war, Apr. 17, 1748; she m. 2d, **John Hager,** June 6, 1757.*

−4 Lydia, b. July 22, 1722; m. **Jonathan Hammond** (his second wife), May 1, 1750.

−5 Jemima (twin), b. Feb. 13, 1725; m. **Joseph Garfield** of Weston, May 19, 1748.

−6 Kezia, b. Feb. 13, 1725; m. **John Merick** of Weston, May 19, 1748. (Notice this "double wedding" of the twins.)

* A daughter of Sarah (Stratton) and Shubaal Child, Jr., married Jonathan Stratton, Jr., of Weston, in 1768.

−7 Joseph, b. Apr. 25, 1729; d. Oct. 17, 1750; unm.
+8 Benjamin, b. 1732.

It will be noticed that the eldest son, Joseph, Jr., died at the age of twenty-one years. He was buried in Grove Hill Cemetery, Waltham, where a stone stands to his memory.

In 1754, Joseph and Sarah entered into an agreement with their only living son, Benjamin, whereby he was to have charge of the homestead, and of several tracts of land "to improve on shares, and to conduct himself in every respect in such a suitable manner relating to the premises, as to render himself a comfort & blessing to his aged parents, the said Joseph and Sarah, and that their lives may be made comfortable to them, which is the thing proposed in the transaction between the said Joseph and Benjamin, the father and son." This agreement was made May 7, 1754, and recorded February 5, 1760. November 26, 1770, Joseph, "being aged and weak in body" made his will. This will mentions his wife Sarah, the five daughters named above, and son Benjamin. He lived six years after making this will. In Grove Hill Cemetery, Waltham, stand two gravestones with these inscriptions:

Joseph Stratton died March 10, 1776
in 86th yr.
Sarah, wife of Joseph Stratton
died Feb. 8, 1771 in 80th year.

8. BENJAMIN STRATTON (*Joseph*) was born in Watertown, May 19, 1732. He married **Hepsebah Stearns,** daughter of *John Stearns*, February 2, 1764. She was born in Watertown, November 12, 1741. Benjamin lived on the home farm in Waltham until September 7, 1778—two years after the death of his father—when he sold this homestead (40 acres, with dwelling house and barn) to Leonard Williams of Waltham, for $1,200. Four months later, December 2, 1778, he bought two tracts of land (80 acres) in Newton and went there to live. This land joined the land of John Stratton (son of John,[4] John,[3] John,[2] Samuel [1]) of Cambridge Village.

The following year, 1779, Benjamin Stratton of Newton sold of John Stratton of Cambridge, for £500, seven acres of land in Waltham, "together with the privilage for him and his heirs and assignees to pass and repass through the said Benjamin's other land as the path now is, with sleds, carts, &c." The boundaries

show that this is the same seven acres of land that Benjamin's father, Joseph, bought in 1743.

On the same date, November 30, 1779, John Stratton sold to Benjamin Stratton for £600, eleven acres in Newton joining the land Benjamin had bought in 1778. On January 14, 1785, Benjamin sold the remainder of his land in Waltham to Isaac Gleason, for £130, "excepting the privilage that I have heretofore granted to the aforesaid John Stratton of passing across the premises." *

In all these deeds Hepsibah Stratton signs "in token of her consent."

Children:—*Born in Waltham.*

– 9 Lydia, b. Feb. 9, 1765; m. **Nicholas Thwing,** son of John Thwing, May 20, 1790. He was a Revolutionary soldier, in 1780.

–10 Mariam, m. **Samuel Lawson** of Weston, Apr. 27, 1785, in Newton.

–11 Sarah, m. **Isaac Coolage, Jr.,** Apr. 27, 1796.

–12 Lois, bapt. Feb. 16, 1772; d. in Newton "a single woman" in 1773.

+13 Joseph, bapt. May 14, 1775. See *Vol. II.*

+14 John, for whom Samuel Lawson was appointed guardian in 1793. See *Vol. II.*

Benjamin was a Revolutionary soldier, from Waltham, at Lexington, April 19, 1776. He died in Newton, where an inventory of his estate was made December 14, 1791. The estate was assigned to Joseph, eldest son, of Roxbury on condition that he settle with his brothers and sisters. November 1, 1796, he sold the estate to Nicholas Thwing for $2,000—30 acres, and 3 acres with dwelling house—"it being the whole of the estate that my late honored father died seized of," and paid his brothers and sisters $441.72 each.

JONATHAN STRATTON OF WESTON

(*See Chart J*)

Jonathan Stratton of Weston and **Dinah Bemis** of Waltham had their "intentions of marriage" published, October 15, 1738.

* In these land dealings between Benjamin Stratton and John Stratton there is nothing to indicate relationship between them, nor any particular intimacy between their families.

They were married in Waltham the first day of the following month by Rev. Warham Williams. Dinah, daughter of *Joseph* and *Elizabeth* (*Peirce*) *Bemis* was born in Watertown, April 23, 1718.*



In 1743 Jonathan bought 40 acres of land in Weston, paying £205 for it. This land was in the northwestern part of the town, near the Lincoln line. From this date until 1774 he bought other tracts of land adjoining his first purchase, amounting in all to about 400 acres. In the first deeds he calls himself "Jonathan Stratton, housewright." After 1763 he is styled "Jonathan Stratton, Gentleman."

In 1757–9, he was in the French and Indian War, enlisting in Captain Elisha Jones' company, and being "returned from Lake George with Col. Nicholas" in 1759. In 1762 he was in a company of militia and is called "Lieutenant" in the town records. In 1767–9 he was one of the selectmen of Weston. He was at Lexington, April 19, 1776, under Captain Samuel Lawson.

By trade he was a carpenter and housewright.† His name appears often on the town records, and he was evidently a man of energy and enterprise. His land deal in 1774 includes 70 acres, a mansion house and other buildings, then known as the Allen place, situated on the road (now Concord Street) a little southeast of his first purchase in Weston. Before 1782 he had moved into this "mansion house," and had turned his former home over to his sons Isaac and Elisha. Here he spent the remainder of his long life, and at his death gave this homestead to his youngest son, John, whom he made sole executor of his will, dated January 24, 1794. John, however, lived but a few weeks after the death of his father, and the will was executed by Joseph Russell (a neighbor, and a brother of Elisha Stratton's wife), who was also executor of John's will.

* Joseph was a son of *John* and *Mary* (*Harrington*) *Bemis* of Watertown. John was son of *Joseph* and *Sarah Bemis*, and brother of Mary who married William Hager. Elizabeth was daughter of *Joseph and Martha Peirce.*

† At a town meeting, May 30, 1767, the town "paid Lieut. Jonathan Stratton for 38 days work on the meeting house at 4/ per day, and his son Jonathan jr for 17 days at 3/ per day."

This homestead was long a landmark in Weston, remaining in the family four generations.

The old "mansion house" was taken down by George Dunn, who married Isabella Viles, whose mother, Abigail (wife of David Viles) was a daughter of John Stratton. In its place was built a new house, which is still standing, in the construction of which some parts of the old mansion house were used.*

Mr. Dunn sold the place to John Ford, owner of the *Youths' Companion*, who built a larger house at a little distance from the Dunn house. The heirs of Mr. Ford sold the estate to Mr. Grant Walker of Boston who has altered and improved the house and grounds.

Among the voters taxed in Weston in 1793, are:

Lieutenant Jonathan Stratton	£28
Daniel Stratton	27
Lieutenant Isaac Stratton	26
Elisha Stratton	20

The following year Jonathan is not taxed, while John, who paid no tax in 1793, is taxed £28, showing that Jonathan had practically turned over all his real estate to his sons. This is shown, too, by deeds of gift made by him at various times.

In 1782 Jonathan paid one poll tax.† In 1797 Isaac, Elisha and John paid for one poll each, Daniel for two polls, and Jonathan is put down on the list for one poll, "not taxable."‡ Again, on a tax list dated October 21, 1801, is: "Jonathan Stratton, one poll, not taxable." This is the last mention found of him. The citation to his widow and heirs is dated October 13, 1702. He must have died between these two dates. The inventory of his estate is dated December 3, and his will was proved in court December 8, 1802. The most thorough search has failed to find any record of his death, or of Dinah's death.§

* At what date this mansion house was built, it is impossible to determine. The Allens were in Watertown as early as 1664 and their house was then in that part of the town which was set off as Weston.

† The compiler has found no later date of a poll tax from Jonathan Stratton, but the tax lists for several years at this period are incomplete.

‡ A man paid poll tax for his sons from 16 to 21 years of age. At 80 years he was exempted from paying a poll tax for himself.

§ It will be noticed that the will says he was "advanced in age and under the decays of nature." We know he lived seven years after the making of

Jonathan and Dinah "owned ye covenant" and were admitted into church membership at Weston, February 25, 1739, and in this church their twelve children were baptized.

Children:—*Born in Weston.*

– 2 Lucy, b. Mar. 10, 1739; d. 1802; m. **Daniel Livermore, Jr.,** Nov. 25, 1756.

– 3 Mary, b. 1740; d. 1742.

– 4 Mary, b. Dec. 20, 1742; d. 1832; m. 1st, **William Bond,** 1761; 2d, **Bezaleel Flagg.**

– 5 Beulah, b. Jan. 17, 1745; d. in Washington, N. H.; m. Mar. 14, 1764, **Solomon Jones,** son of Moses and Hannah (Bemis) Jones. He was a Revolutionary soldier.

+ 6 Jonathan, b. 1746; d. 1819.

+ 7 Daniel, b. 1748; d. 1816.

+ 8 Isaac, b. 1751; d. 1823.

+ 9 Elisha, b. 1753; d. 1817.

–10 Sarah, bapt. Aug. 24, 1755; m. Apr. 13, 1778, **Benjamin Cleveland** "belonging to the Service of the United States." Weston Records.* He served seven years in the Revolution.

–11 Elizabeth, b. Sept. 25, 1757; d. Mar. 13, 1835; m. **Joseph Seaverns,** son of Samuel and Sarah Seaverns, May 4, 1779.

+12 John, b. 1760; d. 1802.

–13 Braddyll, b. May 2, 1762; d. aged 3 yrs.

WILL OF JONATHAN STRATTON, SR.

1794

In the Name of God Amen. I Jonathan Stratton of Weston in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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this will. There seems no way of determining his age. Daniel Kendall published in 1813 a "bill of mortality" in which he states that there died in Weston between 1783 and 1813, twelve persons who were "90 and upwards"; three who were "95 and upwards" and one (a woman) who was "102, less 2 weeks." He does not give the names of these people.

* This is one of the earliest uses of the words "United States" in town records.—*Weston Records.*

Gentleman, being advanced in Age & under the decays of Nature but of perfect Mind and Memory, thanks be given to God: bearing in Mind the Mortality of the Body, and knowing it is appointed for all Men once to die do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, that is to say, Principally and first of all, I give and recommend my Soul into the Hands of God who gave it and my Body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in a Christian burial at the discretion of my Executor nothing doubting but at the general Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty Power of God. And as touching such Worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this Life, after paying my just Debts and funeral Charges, I give, devise, and dispose of the same in the following manner and form—viz

Imprimis. I give and bequeath to Dinah my beloved Wife, (in case she does not take her Right of Dower out of my Estate) as follows, viz, the use of the Easterly half of my dwelling House (commonly called the Allen House) for her to live in, and a full, comfortable and convenient supply of firewood, Food, Drink, Cloathing Medicine and Attendance as shall be necessary for Her, both in Health and Sickness: likewise the use and disposal of my Household Furniture (except my Desk) Also the use and disposal of my Books, and wearing Aparel, and to have a decent Christian burial at her decease, at the charge and Discretion of my Executive herein after named, And if the said Dinah doth not dispose of said Furniture, Books and Clothing, it is my Will and pleasure, that my Books and Wearing Aparel, be equally divided among my sons, and the Furniture to be equally divided among the Daughters hereinafter named after said Dinah's decease.

Item. I give to my beloved Son Jonathan Stratton and to my beloved Daughters Lucy Livermore, Mary Flagg, Sarah Cleaveland and Elizabeth Seaverns, to each of them, severally the sum of Forty Shillings, to be paid at the expiration of one year after my decease, which with what they have severally received out of my Estate in my Lifetime, is their portion thereof

Item. I give to my beloved son Daniel Stratton, my Carpenter Tools, now in his possession, also a promisary note of hand by him subscribed promising to me to pay twenty-five Pounds, 4/ with Interest, on demand dated October 10th A. D. 1793. likewise

my Horse Stable, standing near the Public Meeting House in said Weston, upon the South Side of the great Road.

Item. I give unto my beloved Daughter Beulah Jones, a Note of Hand, Subscribed by her Husband Solomon Jones, promising to pay me, or my Order thirteen Pounds, with Interest, dated March 21st 1786. I likewise give to said Beulah the sum of ten Shillings, to be paid in one year after my decease.

Item. I give unto my beloved sons Isaac Stratton, and Elisha Stratton, the Southerly part of the Land I purchased of John Walker (commonly called Pine Wood Pasture), to the Squadron line which runs West and East, until it comes to the Wall thence by the Wall and Fence as it now Stands to Separate the upland from the Meadow: it being the same Pasture which they have improved several years last past. I likewise give to the said Isaac and Elisha two thirds parts of my Lands lying upon the eastside of Cherry Brook (so called) upon the North Side of the Town Way, and two thirds parts of my Lands lying upon both sides, of said Brook, lying upon the South side of said Road, (being the Lands which I purchased of Braddyll Smith, Esqr and William Bond) except as in hereinafter excepted and reserved respecting Wood. I moreover give to the said Isaac and Elisha one half of my large Stable, built for a Chaise Stable, near the north westerly corner of the Public Meeting House in Weston aforesaid.

Item. I give to John Cleaveland his Victuals and Cloaths, while he shall live with, and wait upon my Wife aforesaid, and if he arrives at the Age of twenty-one years, I give him a Cow, a Sheep and a Lamb for his own Use and Benefit.

Item. I give to my beloved son John Stratton the remainder of my Real Estate, viz. The Allen Farm (so called) which I purchased of Isaac Searl (except reserving a Way across a part of it for Elisha Stratton and his Heirs to pass and repass to the hither Meadow so called), as also the Northerly part of the Land I purchased of John Walker aforesaid: likewise the Jones Brook Meadow (so called), lying Chiefly upon the West side of the aforeside Brook and the North side of the aforesaid Road: Moreover I give the said John the other third part of my Lands I purchased of Braddyll Smith Esqr and William Bond aforesaid, to whom I have herein before given to Isaac and Elisha aforesaid and I re-

serve to the said John, the Privilidge of Cutting Wood upon any part of last mentioned Lands for the support of one Fire during the terme of the natural Life of Dinah my Wife aforesaid. I also give to the said John the half of my large Stable by the Public Meeting House aforesaid, the said Stable to be improved and enjoyed the one half by Isaac & Elisha, and their Heirs, and the other half by the said John and his Heirs. And if the Land aforesaid wherein the said Isaac, Elisha and John are joint Sharers, to be equally devided among them or their Heirs in one year after my decease; respect being had to the reservation aforesaid upon the condition aforesaid relative to the Woods being cut thereon. I like wise give to the said John Stratton, my whole stock of Cattle, my farming and husbanding tools, which I have not disposed of in my lifetime. Also my Credits & my Desk, at the decease of my Wife.

And I do hereby Constitute and appoint John Stratton aforesaid, my Sole Executor to this my last Will and Testament. And I hereby utterly disallow revoke and disannul all and every other former Wills, Testaments, Legacies and Bequests and Executors by me in any ways before named Willed and Bequeathed, ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this twenty-fourth day of January A. D. One Thousand seven hundred and ninety four.

Jonathan Stratton [seal].

Signed, sealed, Published, Pronounced and Declared by the said Jonathan Stratton, as his last Will and Testament in the Presence of us who in his presence have hereunto Subscribed our Names.

Josiah Biglow, Grace Biglow, Joseph Russell.

[The foregoing will was presented for probate December 8th 1802, by Joseph Biglow Russell, the executor having lately deceased, and present were Josiah Bigelow, Joseph Russell and Grace Bigelow, the witnesses.

The papers of this estate are in Docket 15621, Middlesex Co., Mass., Probate Office, East Cambridge, and recorded in Vol. 92, pp. 345–348.]

To the Hon^{ble} Oliver Prescott Esq^{r} Judge of Probate for the County of Middlesex.

Where as I the Subscriber am nominated Sole & Executor in the last Will and Testament of Jonathan Stratton, late of Weston in said County, Gentleman, deceased, to execute said Will, and Where as I am in a poor State of Health, these are to request your Honour to authorize and empower Joseph Russell of said Weston to carry the same into effect.

JOHN STRATTON.

Weston Nov. 2, 1802.

Attest, Nath^{l} Allen,
Alpheus Biglow.

6. JONATHAN STRATTON (*Jonathan*) was born in Weston, March 8, 1746. Nothing more is known of him until he is twenty-two years old, when we find these two entries on the Weston Town Records:

"The Intentions of Marriage Between Jonathan Stratton jun^{r} and Sarah Child Both of Weston Were Entered, august 21st, 1768."

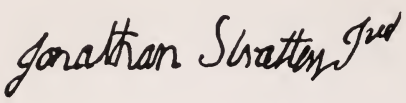
"Jonathan Stratton ju^{r} & Sarah Child Both of Weston Were Joyned in marriage by the Rev^{r} M^{r} Sam^{ll} Woodward minister of the Gospel in Weston Sep^{t} 20, 1768."

Sarah Child was a daughter of *Shubaal, Jr.*, and *Sarah* (*Stratton*) *Child* and was born in January, 1747. Her mother was the second daughter of *Joseph Stratton* of Waltham (*See Chart I*), and her father was son of *Shubaal* and *Abigail* (*Hartwell*) *Child*—one of the oldest families of Weston.

Jonathan, like his father, was a carpenter, as well as a farmer. March 4, 1776, he enlisted as a soldier in the Revolution and was with Captain Jonathan Fisk's company at Dorchester Heights. September 3, 1777, he sold to his brother, Daniel Stratton, 99 acres of land in Weston, "it being the interest of his wife in the Child estate." February 7, 1778, he was paid £15 for his services in the town's quota of men.

A few months later he removed from Weston to the Narragansett plantation in Worcester County, Mass. From this plantation the new town of Gerry (name changed to Phillipston in 1814)

was formed in 1786, and Jonathan Stratton, Jr., was one of its first selectmen. He bought land here, and the deeds of Worcester County show that for the next quarter of a century he dealt quite extensively in real estate in that section, and was a man of enterprise and business ability. He died in Phillipston, December 1, 1819, aged 73 years. Sarah lived to the age of 98 years and 6 months, dying August 23, 1846, in Phillipston.*



Children:—*Born in Weston.*

+14 Shubael Child, b. 1768; d. 1816. See *Vol. II.*
−15 Sarah, b. Oct. 20, 1770; m. **William Rice,** Dec. 5, 1797.
+16 Braddyll, b. 1772; d. 1826. See *Vol. II.*
−17 Relief, b. May 25, 1774; m. **George Howe** of Petersham, 1795.
−18 Lucy, b. Nov. 7, 1778; d. Oct. 31, 1779.
Born in Gerry (now Phillipston).
+19 Jonathan, b. 1780; d. 1844. See *Vol. II.*
+20 Isaac, b. 1783; d. 1854. See *Vol. II.*
+21 Nathan, b. 1784; d. 18—. See *Vol. II.*
−22 Mary, b. Oct. 10, 1786.
−23 Susan, b. Jan. 17, 1789; d. Oct. 14, 1817.

7. Daniel Stratton (*Jonathan*) was born May 9, 1748. Like his father he was a carpenter and housewright, as well as a farmer. By his father's will Daniel is to have "all my Carpenter's tools." He seems to have been a man of much energy and enterprise. Repeatedly he was taxed for his "faculty" (income from his trade). In 1772 he had £80 out at interest and was paying a tax on real estate. In 1777 he bought 99 acres of land with buildings, of his brother Jonathan, Jr., and paid £456. 13*s.* 2*d.* for the same. With his father and brother Elisha he responded to the "Lexington Alarm" on the eventful April 19, 1775. In 1798 Daniel Strat-

* A great-granddaughter who remembers her well, writes the compiler (in 1900), that she was a woman of remarkable activity and mental ability, and that she retained her memory and cheerful disposition to the last year of her long life.

ton, owner and occupant, paid taxes on, 1 house and 1 acre of land, also 99 acres, also 13 acres, in Weston, and for 2 polls.

October 30, 1775, he married **Martha Fuller** of Newton. They were married in Waltham.* Their intentions of marriage had been published in Weston, August 19. Daniel and his brother John were "Independents" and were not taxed for the minister. Daniel died October 13, 1816, and a stone stands to his memory in the Central Burying Ground in Weston. Martha died October 8, 1820, aged 65 years.

Children:—*Born in Weston.*

+24 Daniel, b. 1777; d. 1837. See *Vol. II.*

−25 Elizabeth, b. Nov. 24, 1778; d. in Philadelphia 1846; m. **Jeddo Thayer** of Roxbury, son of Lieut. Jeddo Thayer of Waltham.

−26 Martha, b. July 31, 1780; d. Nov. 13, 1828; m. **Henry Coggin** of Natick, Apr. 11, 1813.

−27 Nancy (twin), b. July 31, 1780; m. **Robert Fiske** of Waltham, 1801.

+28 Josiah, b. 1782; d. 1865. See *Vol. II.*

+29 Dana, b. 1784; d. 1850. See *Vol. II.*

−30 Samuel, b. Dec. 5, 1787; d. unm.? Not living in 1834.

−31 Myranda, b. May 1, 1790; m. **Enoch Jones,** Apr. 1, 1810.

−32 Sarah, b. June 24, 1794; d. unm. July 25, 1834.

−33 Dorcas, b. Aug. 23, 1796; m. **Frances Garfield,** May 10, 1819.

+34 Calvin, b. 1798; d. 1823. See *Vol. II.*

8. ISAAC STRATTON (*Jonathan*) was born in Weston, June 26, 1751, and baptized by Rev. Seth Storer, July 21. He married "in the church" at Weston, February 10, 1784, **Sarah Jones,** daughter of *Nathan* and *Sarah* (*Seaverns*) *Jones*, who was born in Weston, March 1, 1760. Nathan was a son of *Elisha* and *Mary Jones*, and brother of Nathum Jones of Weston. Sarah Seaverns was daughter of *Joseph* and *Elizabeth Seaverns.*

Isaac was lieutenant of a company of militia. In 1774 this company seemed to think they were Tories, and they organized to

* Waltham records give October 30 as the date of this marriage, while the returns from Waltham to Weston give October 2.

fight for the king. Later, the committee of the town presented the Massachusetts Provincial Congress with the signed recantation of the whole company, dated April 7, 1775. The blame was laid (and was probably due) upon the smooth tongue of the man who organized the company, and Congress agreed to accept the excuse, provided the town committee kept an eye upon said signers.

In 1798, as shown by the tax receipts of Weston, Isaac and Elisha Stratton were "owners and occupants" of a house and lot in Weston, and were paying taxes on 99 acres, 80 perches of land valued at $2,000. This house was on a "turn of the Great Road" (now Concord Street), in the northwestern part of the town. Isaac died January 23, 1823.

Children:

−35 Louisa, b. Dec. 9, 1786; d. 1870; m. June 1, 1806, **Cyrus Russell,** son of Joseph and Susannah (Upham) Russell, b. Dec. 17, 1784. Joseph was son of Thomas and Hepsibeth (Nichols) Russell of Watertown.

+36 Nahum, d. in Richmond, Va. See *Vol. II.*

−37 Elizabeth, d. young.

+38 Henry, b. 1792; d. 1874. See *Vol. II.*

−39 Mary, m. **Woodbury Hill,** May 25, 1815; d. in Holderness, N. H.

−40 Martha, b. 1797; d. Jan. 1, 1859; m. **Samuel Smith,** May 27, 1819.

−41 Priscilla, m. **Daniel Burns** of Keene, N. H., in 1818.

−42 Louis, d. in Richmond, Va., and buried in the old cemetery there; unm.

There were two other children, who died in infancy, in 1785 and 1786. The data of this family is mostly from private records. The births of the children are not recorded in Weston, though they were probably born there. The record of Isaac's death is on the Weston town books.

9. Elisha Stratton (*Jonathan*) was the fourth son and was born October 2, 1753. He was at Lexington, April 19, 1776, in Captain Samuel Lawson's company. He was lieutenant in a company of militia, and later is called "Colonel" in the town records. September 18, 1776, he married **Mehitable Russell,** daughter of

Thomas and *Hepsibeth* (*Nichols*) *Russell*, who was born in Watertown, April 21, 1756. Her name appears 1814 to 1818, as a member of the "One Cent Society" of Weston. The one hundred and twenty-five members of this early woman's missionary society pledged themselves to contribute one cent a week for the "support of missionaries and other instructors, and purchase Bibles and other useful books for the poor and destitute." February 22, 1794, at a church meeting "to know the mind of the church whether they will in any respect alter the terms on which one may be admitted to membership," it was decided to appoint a committee of five "to examine into the whole business, and report at a future day." One of this committee was Elisha Stratton.

Both Elisha and Mehitable are buried in the Central Burying Ground in Weston. A stone marks each grave.

Children:—*Born in Weston.*

−43 Susan, b. Oct. 7, 1780; d. 1864; m. **Joseph Cheney** of Weston.

+44 Thomas, b. 1782; d. 1857. See *Vol. II.*

+45 Charles, b. 1785; d. 1817. See *Vol. II.*

−46 Harriet, b. Jan. 4, 1790; d. Oct. 27, 1846; m. **Jonathan F. Hurd** of East Sudbury in 1815.

+47 Elisha, b. 1795; d. 1854. See *Vol. II.*

+48 George, b. 1798; d. 1852. See *Vol. II.*

12. JOHN STRATTON (*Jonathan*) was baptized in Weston, January 13, 1760, by Rev. Samuel Woodward. He was next to the youngest son, his younger brother, Braddyll, dying in childhood, and his older brothers having settled in homes of their own. John lived at the homestead and cared for his parents in their old age. He married, March 2, 1785, **Abigail Russell,** daughter of *Thomas* and *Hepsibeth* (*Nichols*) *Russell*, a sister of his brother Elisha's wife.

By his father's will the homestead was given to John, but he lived only a short time after his father's death.* His own will was made November 15, 1802, and his death occurred the same day. Joseph Russell, his wife's brother, was his executor. April 5, 1806, his widow married Seth Babcock of Weston.

* In the inventory of the personal property of Jonathan, senior, mention is made of "the maple desk" which in his will is given to his son John.

Children:—*Born in Weston.*

−49 Abigail, b. Oct. 28, 1791; d. Aug. 7, 1868; m. Apr. 5, 1821, **David Viles** of Weston, who died July 26, 1872, aged 76 years.

There was also a child, who died December 4, 1785, aged 3 weeks, and an adopted son, William Stratton Moore.

EDWARD STRATTON OF BERMUDA HUNDRED, VIRGINIA

(*See Chart F*)

"It is only shallow-minded pretenders, who either make distinguished origin a matter of personal pride, or obscure origin a matter of personal reproach."

DANIEL WEBSTER.

ONE of the very early settlements on the James River above Jamestown was "Henrico City," named in honor of Prince Henry. It had but a short existence, but left its name upon Henrico County. Later, Bermuda Hundred on the south side of the James at the mouth of the Appomattox was settled by Sir Thomas Dale. In 1631 a patent of land along the James was granted to Thomas Pawlett. In 1645 a blockhouse, for the protection of the settlers against the Indians, was built where Richmond now stands. In the spring of 1674 the Virginia government gladly gave Captain William Byrd a liberal grant on condition that he would settle thereon "fifty able-bodied men to defend the nation." He built a strongly fortified house on the brow of the hill, and a warehouse on the site now occupied by the Exchange Hotel (Richmond). It was probably at this time that the first Stratton came to Henrico County. Many new settlers came at about this time, both from England and from the eastern part of Virginia and settled on the rich lands along the James. Many of the early records have been destroyed, and but few old land marks in the vicinity of Bermuda Hundred are left standing. The old burying ground, once a part of the Stratton farm, at Bermuda Hundred, and where, in all probability, three generations of Edward Strattons were buried, was long ago abandoned as a burial place. Only a few broken, half-buried and almost wholly effaced stones mark the place. (*See picture of this burial place.*) It is the desire of some of the descendants to place here a small monument, or marker, with an appropriate inscription, in memory of these long ago ancestors of our name.

At just what date Edward Stratton [1] came to Henrico County the writer has not been able to learn, but he was living in Bermuda Hundred in that part of Henrico which later became Chesterfield County, as early as 1674. He was then a man of at least thirty-eight years of age,—hence born as early as 1633. The probabilities are that he was a much older man.*

Of his first wife, the mother of his children, we know nothing.† He married her before 1655, and she died before 1776. Some time before 1679 he married **Martha Shippy,** widow of Thomas Shippy of Bermuda Hundred.‡ She died about 1695, leaving a will dated July 24, 1692.§

Some time between 1671 and 1676 Edward Stratton bought 287 acres of land at Bermuda Hundred. The land had been granted to Martin Elam and by him conveyed to Stratton. Later, this land was found "to escheat unto his majisty from John Zouch, Esq.; but Col. William Byrd obtained an assignment of said escheat and re-assigned it to Edward Stratton as per Wm. Byrd's deed, July 1, 1681."‖ June 1, 1687, Edward Stratton, for 15 pounds sterling, deeded one-half of this land to Thomas Poulden.

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* He may have been a son of Joseph Stratton [1] of James City, but as not the slightest evidence of this has been found, he will be considered in this volume as the first of his line in America.

It seems not unlikely that his ancestry may be found in Wiltshire, England. Wills of the Edward Strattons of Wiltshire are found in the prerogative court of Canterbury, and many inquisitions post-mortem on the Wiltshire line are on record in London.

† The diary of Robert Thurston of Martin's Hundred, Va., indicates that there was an early marriage between a Thurston and a Stratton. The Thurstons were closely connected with the Gibbs family, early settlers in Virginia. A further study of these families might reveal her ancestry.

‡ The Shippeys were among the very early settlers of this region. Thomas Shippey, Sr., was granted 300 acres of land "about 3 miles above Curles on Great Branch of Four Mile Creek," July 24, 1637.

§ Her sister, Mary—who was aged about 50 years in 1688, and was the wife of Gilbert Platt—was her executrix. The will mentions her children by Thomas Shippey. Her daughter, Martha Shippey, married Edward Stratton, Jr.

‖ This deed is thus recorded on the *First Book of Deeds*, Henrico County, p. 171: "Edward Stratton, planter, of Henrico Co. Deed for 287 acres from William Byrd on south side James river. July 1, 1681. Consideration 1600 pounds Tobacco."



The James at Bermuda Hundred
Looking toward Shirley



Ancient Burial-Ground

Probable burial-place of Edward Stratton [1] in 1688. (*Pages* 213, 216.) Standing near the old graves (1907) is Hon. Thomas J. Stratton,—eighth in descent from Edward.[1]

April 27, 1686, Edward Stratton and Abel Gower were granted 489 acres of land in Henrico County "according to most ancient bounds formerly granted to Geo. Browning." (Book 7, p. 508.) This land was on the south side of the James, just north of the mouth of the Appomattox River. This land in 1708 belonged to his grandson Edward Stratton.[3]

The will of Edward Stratton, Sr., dated December 1, 1688, names only "my loving wife and my son Edward Stratton, junior." His daughter, Rebecca, had probably had her portion at the time of her marriage. If there were other children no mention of them has been found. He died soon after the making of this will, in which he refers to himself as being in a "sick and weak condition."

Children:

+2 Edward,[2] b. 1655; d. 1698.

−3 Rebecca [2] legatee in her brother's will; m. **Robert Newman.**

WILL OF EDWARD STRATTON [1]

1688

In the Name of God Amen, I Edw[d] Stratton Sen[r] being in a Sick weak condition doe make & ordain this my last will & testament in manner & form as followeth

First. I will & bequeath my Soul to Almighty God who gave it hoping in his merceyes to receive full & free pardon & absolution & remission of all my sins, & my body to return to ye dust from whence it came & to be buryed at ye discretion of my Exec[rs] hereafter named.

Imp[rs] I bequeath to my loveing wife Martha ten pds. Sterling & after my debts & funerall charges paid And fully satisfied. All the rest of my estate Goods & Chattells to be divided into three parts my wife to have one & my son to have the other two. I make my son Edw[d] Stratton Jun[r] my Exec[r] of this my last will & testam[r] whereunto I have sett my hand & seal this tweneth fifth day of December 1688.

Signed & sealed in ye psence of

John Warsham
Mary Platt

G[l] Elam

Edw[d] E his mark Stratton Sen[r] [SEAL]

2. Edward Stratton [2] (*Edward* [1]) was executor of his father's will in 1688. He was born in 1655, as shown by depositions taken at various times in Henrico County. He lived in Bermuda Hundred. At the age of twenty-two years he had married **Martha Shippey,** as shown by a deed of gift from *Thomas Shippey* to "Edward Stratton, junior, and his wife, Martha, my daughter." The deed is for a "tract of land and an island" in Henrico County. This "tract of land" was probably the 46 acres in Bermuda Hundred, containing the dwelling house where he lived and died. The same is mentioned in his will. In 1717, his son, Edward Stratton,[3] sold this land to Francis Epps, Esq,—"46 acres more or less, excepting 6 foot square of land where my father is buried," —so reads the deed.

October 20, 1691, Edward Stratton and John Warsham were granted 879 acres in Henrico County on the north side of Swift Creek.* He also owned 150 acres south of this creek as shown by a deed dated February 1, 1691. And in 1703, April 24, his widow, Martha Stratton, "and others" were granted 4,000 acres on the north side of Appomattox River, in Henrico County. His will is dated August 27, 1698, and proved December 1st of the same year. This will mentions his estate "both in England and Virginia." When this will was made he was 43 years old and had lived at Bermuda Hundred at least 27 years.† He died within a few weeks after this will was made. His children married into some of the prominent families of Henrico, Chesterfield and Prince George Counties. His widow married John Brown of Henrico, and died in 1721. His will mentions but one daughter, but in the settlement of the estate, in Virginia, after the widow's death, the five daughters are mentioned.

Children:—*Born in Bermuda Hundred, Va.*

−4 Martha,[3] m. **George Cox,** Oct. 22, 1697.

* The name of Warsham appears often in connection with the Strattons, and it may be that the Warshams and Strattons were connected by an early marriage of which no record has yet been found. Other names found in connection with the Strattons of Henrico, are Wormach, Kendall, Gower, Epps, Travers and Mosley. They were neighbors, and evidently friends, in Virginia. They may have come from the same neighborhood in England.

† If he had an "estate" in England some administration or court proceeding there might show it. It is hoped that further search may some time be made.

−5 Mary,[3] m. **William Batte** of Prince George County, in 1704.
−6 Prudence,[3] m. **Henry Anderson** of Chesterfield, May 1, 1704.
+7 Edward,[3] b. about 1679, ancestor of many Virginia Strattons of to-day.
−8 Elizabeth,[3] m. **Thomas Chamberlain** of Henrico County.
−9 Sarah,[3] m. Henry (?) **Jones.**

WILL OF EDWARD STRATTON [2]

1698

In the name of God Amen. I Edward Stratton of ye County of Henrico being sick and weak in Body but of sound and perfect memory doe make & ordaine this my last will and testamente in manner & forme as followeth Viz:

First. I give & bequeath my soul to almighty god who gave it, hoping through the meritts of my Saviour Jesus Christ to Receive full & free pardon for all my sins and my body to be buried at ye descression of my Executrix hereafter named.

As touching my worldly estate I give as followeth.

Imprimess. I give to my son Edward Stratton all my lands, I am possessed with, to him and his heirs forever only one half of my dwelling house I give to my Loving wife during her widowhood. Likewise I give my son Edward Stratton my Negro man Dick & my Negro boy Tom and the gun wch was left him by his grandmother.

And further my desire is that my Son should have the benefitt of his negroe Labors att the age of nineteen but not to sell or dispose of either of them till ye age of twenty-one years: Like wise I give him a mare & coalt which he calls his own.

Item. I give to my daughter Martha Cox ten pounds sterling.

Item. I give to my loving Sister Rebecka Newman a gown & petty coate of thirty shillings price.

Item. I give to John Clyburn, junior, a hiefer with calf & a gun.

Item. I give my loving wife my negro man Jack and after my debts are paid I give my Loving Wife all my Crop of Tobacco & All the rest of my estate I give to my wife and children that are with me. My Daughter Martha to have no more than the ten pounds wch is before express'd.

And further my will is that my Estate which is to be divided be delivered in kind as it now is, both in England and in Virginia.

I make my loving wife my whole and sole Execu't: of this my last will and Testament. Revoaking all other wills by me made.

In witness where of I have here unto set my hand & seale this 27th day of August—Anno Dom. 1698

Edward Stratton.

Signed in ye presence of
Rech'd Cooke junior
John Bowman
John Worsham

7. Edward Stratton [3] (*Edward*,[2] *Edward* [1]) was born about 1679, and was less than 19 years of age when his father died. He was an only son and by his father's will was given all the lands that his father died "possessed with." Some time between 1703 and 1708 he married **Anne Batte,** daughter of *Henry Batte* of Prince George County. From her father's estate she inherited 250 acres of land in Bristol Parish, Prince George County.

In 1708 and in 1717 Edward Stratton and wife Anne sold parts of their estate at Bermuda Hundred. They were still living there, however, in June, 1719, after which nothing has been found concerning him.* It is not known at what date he died; but in 1749 his widow, Anne Stratton, made a deed conveying to her son, William Stratton, land on the south side of the James River "where the said Anne now dwelleth," and this is the latest mention found of her. This land conveyed to William seems to have been a part of the land which had belonged to the first Edward Stratton in 1686,—the old Stratton homestead in Henrico (now Chesterfield) County. It probably passed out of the hands of the Strattons in the fourth generation.

Children:—*Born in Bermuda Hundred.*

−10 William,[4] living in Bermuda Hundred in 1749.

+11 Thomas,[4] from whom many descendants are fully traced to the present generation.

It is not unlikely that there were other children.

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* Diligent search has been made for his will, or any settlement of his estate—thus far without success.

How long William possessed the land conveyed to him by his mother is not known. Tradition says he is the ancestor of unlocated Virginia Strattons of to-day. *Proof* is wanted.* Many of the early records of Chesterfield and adjoining counties were destroyed during the Civil War. Bermuda Hundred was the scene of much fierce fighting. None of the Colonial houses were left standing.

11. THOMAS STRATTON [4] (*Edward*,[3] *Edward*,[2] *Edward* [1]) was probably born in Bermuda Hundred about 1710–15. He was a farmer and lived, after his marriage, on his farm in Dale Parish, Chesterfield County, and was a man of some prominence in that section. He owned several large tracts of land, one of which was in Cumberland County, about 50 miles west of his home.

He was married before 1749,—possibly as early as 1730. His wife, **Elizabeth Elam,** was the daughter of *Robert Elam, Sr.*, a wealthy planter of Chesterfield.

In 1749 he sold 100 acres of land on the "south side of the James" to William Womach. His wife joins him in this deed. This was doubtless land which he inherited from his father and was a part of the original Stratton estate at Bermuda Hundred. He died in 1773–4. His will, made September 24, 1773, was proved in court in January, 1774, by the two witnesses, Richard Batte and Peter Elam.

Children:—*Born in Dale Parish, Va.*

−12 Thomas,[5] executor of his father's will in 1773. Died before July, 1781. His will, made Nov. 26, 1775, names only his two brothers, one sister and two sisters-in-law. No wife is named in the settlement of his estate. He probably died unmarried.

−13 Nancy,[5] legatee in her brother's will in 1775.

+14 Henry,[5] settled in Bedford County, Va. See *Vol. II.*

+15 John,[5] settled in Cumberland (then Pawhatan) County, Va. See *Vol. II.*

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* Further information concerning William Stratton is very much desired. Anyone having knowledge of him, or any clew to any descendants of his, will confer a favor by communicating with the compiler.

WILL OF THOMAS STRATTON [4]

1773

In the name of God. Amen. Sept. 24th, 1773.

I, Thomas Stratton, of the County of Chesterfield & parrish of Dale, be at this time of sound mine & perfect memory, tho' weak in body, do make and publish this to be my last Will & Testament, in manner & form, &c., following:

I give unto my wife the land I do now live on, three Negroes, Harry, Sarah & Will, five head of Cattle, one bay Colt, one Feather Bed & furniture during her natural life.

I do give and bequeath unto my Son Thomas Stratton the Tracts of Land I do live on after my Wife's death, one Negro boy named Isaac, one feather Bed & furniture & all my stock to be equally divided among my three sons Thomas, Henry & John Stratton. I give & bequeath unto my son Henry Stratton a tract of land lying on the (road) that goes from Bermuda Hundreds to Osborns, & one negro boy named James & one feather Bed & furniture. I give and bequeath unto my son John Stratton one tract of land that lies in Cumberland County, formerly the property of Abraham Womack, & one Negro boy named Joe, & one bed & furniture.

And all the rest of my estate to be equally divided among them all.

I hereby nominate and appoint my son Thos. Stratton Executor of this my last Will & Testament.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and fixed my seal.

Thos. Stratton.

Signed & sealed in presence of us:

Rich'd Batte.

Peter Elam.

14. Henry Stratton [5] (*Thomas,*[4] *Edward,*[3] *Edward,*[2] *Edward* [1]) was born in Dale Parish, Chesterfield County, Va. In the Revolutionary War he was a lieutenant in the naval service and later drew a pension of land. Papers on file at Richmond show that in 1779 and 1780 he advanced a considerable sum of money to purchase necessary materials and provisions, and in discharging seamen's wages. On March 3, 1781, he settled his account

with William Armstead, commercial agent for the Government, whose certificate of that date acknowledges a balance due said Stratton of £4,987, 2*s*., paper money. From his father he inherited a farm near Bermuda Hundred, and by his brother Thomas's will he came into possession of the home farm in Dale Parish. He married **Sarah Hampton,** and they became the parents of thirteen children. Some years after their marriage they removed to Bedford County, where 175 acres of land was granted to Henry Stratton, on the south side of Goose Creek, May 20, 1770. He died in the autumn of 1799. Both he and his wife are buried in the old family cemetery, near Liberty, Bedford County.

Children:

−16 Judith,[6] m. **Henry Davis.**
−17 Mary,[6] m. ——— **See.**
−18 Martha,[6] d. before 1799.
+19 William,[6] m. **Mary Haynes** in 1793. See *Vol. II.*
+20 John Hampton,[6] m. **Mary Ann Turner** in 1788. See *Vol. II.*
+21 Thomas,[6] m. **Elizabeth Leftwich.** See *Vol. II.*
−22 Henry,[6] legatee under father's will in 1799. (Further data is desired.)
+23 Archibald,[6] m. **Edna Dickinson** in 1793. See *Vol. II.*
−24 Elizabeth,[6] m. Edward (?) **Smith.**
−25 Anna,[6] m. ——— **Cannady.**
−26 Jeanny,[6] m. **Thomas Leftwich.**
−27 Sarah,[6] m. James (?) **Winfrey.**
−28 Milicent,[6] m. ——— **Hurt.**

The descendants of Henry Stratton (14) are found in almost every southern and western state. Among them are men well known in political and educational movements, as well as successful business men.

WILL OF HENRY STRATTON [5]

1799

In the name of God, Amen, I, Henry Stratton of Bedford County, knowing the Mortality of man, & being indisposed in body but of sound mind, do make my last will & Testament

(hereby revoking all other wills & Testaments by me heretofore made) in manner & form following that is to say, (Item 1st) After the payment of all my Just debts, I give to my Dear & loving Wife Sarah Stratton the land & plantation whereon I now live together with all my personal Estate (except such legacies as shall be hereafter named) during her natural life or Widowhood (Item 2d) I give to my Daughter Judith Davis the negro Girl Sarah which is now in possession of Henry Davis, to be enjoyed, she & her increase by my Daughter Judith & her children forever—(Item 3d) I give to my Daughter Mary See five shillings current money for her & her Heirs forever, (Item 4th) I give to the Children of my Daughter Martha Decd five shillings for them & their Heirs forever, (Item 5th) I give to my Son William my negro Girl (little Frank) for him & his Heirs forever, (Item 6th) I give all the land I now possess to my Sons John & Thomas after their Mother's decease to be equally divided between them—for them & their Heirs forever, (Item 7th) I also desire that at the decease of my Wife the rest & residue of my personal estate be equally divided between my following Children, After paying to my Son Henry Stratton Forty Pounds current money—to Betty Smith one equal part for her & her heirs forever—to Anna Cannady one equal part for her & her Heirs forever—to Milly Hurt one equal part for her & her Heirs forever—to Jeanny Leftwich one equal part for her & her Heirs forever—to John Stratton one equal part for his & his Heirs forever—to Sally Winfrey one equal part to her & her Heirs forever—to William Stratton one equal part to him & his Heirs forever—to Archibald Stratton one equal part to him & his Heirs forever—to Thomas Stratton one equal part to him & his Heirs forever—& lastly I do hereby nominate Constitute & appoint my Dear & loving Wife Sarah Stratton Executrix Thomas Leftwich & John Hampton Stratton Executors to this my last will & testament, wherof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this 19th day of November Anno Domini one thousand seven Hundred & ninety nine

Signed, seald & published in the presence of

Henry Stratton [seal]

Charles Nelms
Presley Nelms
Wm. Leftwich Jr.

At a Court held for Bedford County the 23rd day of December 1799. This last Will & Testament of Henry Stratton was proved by the oath of Charles Nelms and Presley Nelms, witnesses whose names are thereto subscribed & ordered to be recorded. And on the motion of Thomas Leftwich & John H. Stratton two of the Executors therein named who made oath thereto certificate is granted them for obtaining probate in due form on giving security Whereupon they together with William Leftwich Jun. and Stephen Preston their securities entered into and acknowledged their bond in the penalty of Five thousand dollars conditioned for the said Executors due & faithful administration of said decedents estate & performance of his Will—liberty being reserved the Executrix therein named to join in the probate when she shall think fit.

Teste
JAMES STEPTOE, C.B.C.

15. JOHN STRATTON [5] (*Thomas,*[4] *Edward,*[3] *Edward,*[2] *Edward* [1]) was born in Dale parish, Chesterfield County, and after his marriage removed to Cumberland County, where land had been left him by his father's will. He married **Susan** (?) **Douglass.** They lived on a plantation about five miles east of New Canton, in that part of Cumberland which in 1777 became Pawhatan County. He served in the Revolutionary War,—in the First Regiment, Light Dragoons, Continental Troops.

Children:—*Born in Cumberland* (*Pawhatan*) *County.*

+29 John,[6] m. **Sarah Ann Toler,** and settled in Appomattox (then Campbell) County. See *Vol. II.*

−30 Catherine,[6] m. **John Huddleston.**

+31 William,[6] m. ——— **Tucker** a daughter of *Thomas Tucker,* and settled in Pawhatan County. See *Vol. II.*

+32 James,[6] m. **Mary Stegar,** daughter of *Capt. Stegar,* of Revolutionary War fame. See *Vol. II.*

−33 David,[6] lived in Pawhatan County. Data of him is desired.

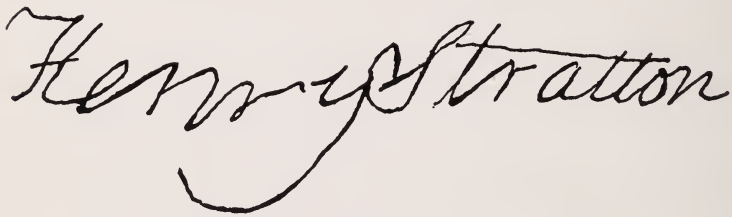
+34 Robert,[6] some of whose descendants settled in Tennessee. See *Vol. II.*

+35 Peter,[6] m. ——— **Huddleston.** See *Vol. II.*

+36 Daniel,[6] m. **Elizabeth Walker,** and moved to Campbell County. See *Vol. II.*

−37 Ann,[6] d. unm.

The descendants of John Stratton (15) of Cumberland and Pawhatan are connected by marriage with many of the fine old families of that part of Virginia. Quite a number of them have been traced down to the present generation. They are found throughout the south and west, in many professions and lines of business, and are often leaders in the communities in which they dwell.



Autograph of Henry Stratton[5] of Bedford, Co., Va., 1799

EARLY STRATTONS OF CONNECTICUT

"By an instinct of our nature, we all love to learn the places of our birth and the chief circumstances of the lives of our progenitors." JAMES SAVAGE.

THE first authentic record that the writer has found of Strattons in Connecticut, is in 1682,—JOHN STRATTON of Woodbury. As he was a "landowner" at that date it is reasonable to believe that he was of age, and, if so, he was born as early, at least, as 1661.

In 1705 WILLIAM STRATTON appears at Winsor. If he was twenty-one at the time of his marriage, he was born as early as 1684.

No connection has been found between these two men. As far as we know, and judging from the first mention of their names, one may have been a son of the other, but no possible clew to this has been found. Descendants of each have been traced down to the present generation and are living in many parts of the United States to-day.

There are several theories and traditions as to their connection with earlier lines, but no proof.

It may be of interest to notice:

1. That a John Stratton [1] disappeared from Salem in 1641–2, and that *nothing is known of his whereabouts thereafter.*

2. That William Stratton, the miller, left Marlboro about 1659 and *has not been located elsewhere.*

3. That Caleb Stratton had a son John, born in Hingham in 1670, *of whom nothing more is known.*

4. That the grandsons of Richard and John Stratton of Easthampton are *only imperfectly accounted for.*

From some of these sources may have come John Stratton of Woodbury and William Stratton of Winsor.

To the compiler it seems more reasonable to believe that in one or the other of these lines may be found their parentage, than that they were "after-planters from England." It must be re-

membered that this section was largely peopled from the older settlements of Massachusetts, and that there was much "Traffick and bussiness," and many intermarriages between the early settlers of Connecticut and Long Island.*

Research is still going on, and some yet undiscovered record, —church, town, or probate,—may contain the solution to this one of several "Stratton problems." If what is here written may serve to so interest others in the search, that ultimately a complete record of these Strattons may be found, one object of this volume,—and that one dear to the writer's heart—will have been accomplished.

JOHN STRATTON OF WOODBURY

(*See Chart K*)

John Stratton's name appears on the town records of Woodbury, Conn., in 1682, with no clew to his former residence. There were "lay outs" of land to him in 1682, 1685, 1687 and 1689. In 1702 John Stratton was living in Woodbury, was the head of a family, and a division of land,—a meadow on Shepang River,— was granted him. Whether this was the John to whom land was laid out in 1682, or a son of the same, is not clear. The probate records at Woodbury and Fairfield show that John Stratton died in 1716. Henry Wakely and John Hall were appointed his administrators December 11, 1716. The administration mentions only his widow (not named), who is to have one-third of the estate during life; a son to whom a "double portion" is given and a granddaughter who is to have one-third of two-thirds of the estate. No evidence of any other children has been found, and no other mention of his widow.

Children:—*Named in settlement of their father's estate.*

+2 Thomas.[2]

−3 Rachel,[2] m. **Henry Wakely,** Dec. 12, 1706; d. Mar. 1707–8, leaving a daughter Abigail, who is named in her grandfather's administration.

Henry Wakely was born January 27, 1683, and was a son of

* Felt found among the court files of Ipswich a reference to "John Stratton, who settled to the south of us and thus encouraged our doubtful enemies, the Dutch."

Jacob Wakely. After the death of Rachel he married Sarah Frost. His daughter Abigail married Thomas Daskum.

2. THOMAS STRATTON [2] (*John* [1]) settled in Stratford, Conn., the year following his father's death in Woodbury. He married **Mary Johnson,** September 5, 1717. He seems to have been a man of some prominence in Stratford where he owned several pieces of real estate. He was a pew holder in the Second Episcopal Church and contributed toward the building of this church in 1743.*

Children:—*Born in Stratford, Conn.*

− 4 John,[3] b. Oct. 27, 1718.
− 5 Rachel,[3] b. Feb. 13, 1721.
+ 6 Thomas,[3] b. 1723; d. 1787.
− 7 Mary,[3] b. Apr. 12, 1726.
− 8 Hannah,[3] b. Oct. 27, 1728.
− 9 Charity,[3] b. Mar. 27, 1733; m. **Archibald Phippery,** May 4, 1750.
+10 David,[3] b. 1737.

6. THOMAS STRATTON [3] (*Thomas,*[2] *John* [1]) was born March 13, 1723. He lived in Stratford and was a member of the Episcopal Church. He was a Revolutionary soldier in 1775, from May 5 to October 8, serving in Company 2, Fifth Regiment Continental Troops, under Colonel Waterbury.

May 6, 1746, he married **Sarah Barlow,** daughter of *John* and *Mary* (*Sykes*) *Barlow.* She died in 1770, and May 30, 1771, he married **Anna** (**Curtiss**) Smith, widow of Henry (?) Smith. She was a daughter of *Daniel Curtiss* of Stratford. Thomas died in 1787.

Children:—*Born in Stratford, Conn.*

−11 Sarah,[4] b. 1746.
−12 Eunice,[4] b. 1748.
−13 Elizabeth,[4] b. 1752; m. **James Sherman,** Nov. 3, 1770.
−14 David,[4] b. May 24, 1754.
+15 Thomas,[4] 1756.
−16 Hannah,[4] b. 1759.

* The Indian name for Stratford was Cupheag. Christ Church in Stratford was founded in 1723 by Dr. Johnson, the father of Episcopacy in Connecticut.

+17 John,[4] b. 1771.
−18 Anna,[4] b. 1775; m. **Samuel Bronson** in 1803.
−19 Joseph,[4] (or perhaps Josiah?), b. Oct., 1776.
−20 Edward,[4] b. 1778.
+21 Daniel,[4] b. 1781.

Any further data concerning the sons David, Joseph and Edward is much desired.

10. David Stratton[3] (*Thomas,*[2] *John*) was born in Stratford, Conn., June 10, 1737. At the age of nineteen he served in the campaign against the French and Indians and was at Fort William Henry, under Captain Lacey, of Fairfield. October 13, 1756, the Muster Roll of the seventh company reports "David Stratton sick at Albany." He returned to Fairfield, and reenlisted April 8, 1757, in Colonel Lyman's Regiment, 5th Company, Captain Samuel Hubbell of Fairfield. In 1759 he served from April 5 to December 2 in Colonel Wooster's Regiment, 6th Company, Captain Tomlinson.

June 23, 1768, he married **Hannah Sanford,** daughter of *Ebenezer* and *Sarah* (*Chapman*) *Sanford* of Stratford. She was born February 25, 1744. Their home was in that part of Fairfield which was later incorporated as Weston.

Children:—*Births recorded at Weston, Conn.*

−22 Sarah,[4] b. Sept. 29, 1769; m. **Thomas Bennett, Jr.,** Aug. 24, 1788.
−23 Mary,[4] b. July 16, 1772.
−24 David,[4] b. 1775.
−25 Ebenezer Sanford,[4] b. July 17, 1777; "moved west, where he married and left a family." Further information wanted.
−26 Hannah,[4] b. July 20, 1780.
+27 Robert Chapman,[4] b. 1785.

These births were all recorded on the Weston town records March 28, 1798.

15. Thomas Stratton[4] (*Thomas,*[3] *Thomas,*[2] *John*) was born September 11, 1756, in Stratford. He married **Martha Edwards** in 1778. They lived in Stratford and Bridgeport. He died at the

age of 91 years. But are buried in Mountain Grove Cemetery in Bridgeport.

Children:

+28 Samuel Edwards,[5] b. 1779. See *Vol. II.*

+29 Seth Sherwood,[5] grandfather of "Gen. Tom Thumb." See *Vol. II.*

−30 Eunice,[5] m. **Grenville Porter.**

−31 Elizabeth,[5] m. **George Smith.**

17. JOHN STRATTON[4] (*Thomas,*[3] *Thomas,*[2] *John*[1]) was born in Stratford, February 17, 1772. He married **Mary———** in 1803; she died the same year, aged 23. In 1805 he married **Charity Osborne.**

Children:

−32 John W.[5]

−33 Elizabeth.[5]

−34 Josiah.[5]

Of this family further records are much desired.

21. DANIEL STRATTON[4] (*Thomas,*[3] *Thomas,*[2] *John*[1]) was born in Stratford, Conn., January 14, 1781; married **Mary Fenn Ware** in 1805, and settled in Milford, Conn., where he died January 9, 1856.

Children:—*Born in Milford.*

−35 Selina,[5] b. Mar. 21, 1806; m. **Joseph Hind,** Oct. 27, 1821.

−36 Curtis,[5] b. June 2, 1809; d. aged 2 yrs.

+37 Marcus,[5] b. 1811; d. 1898. See *Vol. II.*

−38 Mary Ann,[5] b. May 29, 1814; m. **James Barnett,** Oct. 10, 1839.

−39 Daniel Curtis,[5] b. Apr. 22, 1817; d. Feb. 20, 1820.

+40 David Gould,[5] b. 1819; d. 1906. See *Vol II.*

−41 Roxana,[5] b. Jan. 28, 1821; m. **Joseph Bassett,** Oct 10, 1839.

−42 Charlotte,[5] b. Oct. 2, 1823; m. **Oliver Case;** lived in New Haven.

−43 Eunice,[5] b. Jan. 14, 1825; m. **John Coburn,** May 7, 1844.

27. ROBERT CHAPMAN[4] (*David,*[3] *Thomas,*[2] *John*[1]) was born in Weston (then called North Fairfield), Conn., October 11, 1785.

He married **Phoebe Hines.** They lived on a farm in Weston and were members of the Episcopalian Church.

Children:—*Born in Weston.*

−43 Ebenezer,[5] d. unmarried(?).
+44 Allen,[5] b. 1813. See *Vol. II.*
−45 Harvey,[5] d. aged 15 yrs.
−46 Miles,[5] d. unmarried.
−47 Sarah,[5] m. **Joel Hoey** in 1822, and lived in Newtown, Conn.
−48 Aurilla,[5] b. Feb. 18, 1821; m. **I. D. Reed** in New York City, July 25, 1849.

The first settlement at Fairfield was made in 1739 by several families from Winsor. They were soon joined by a company from Watertown and another from Concord. The region was known to the Pequots as "Sasco"—the Great Swamp. The Indian name for the Fairfield Plantation was "Unquorva." The settlers purchased a large tract of land of the natives, and when Connecticut obtained charter privileges the General Assembly gave them a patent. The present towns of Fairfield, Greenfield, Weston, a part of Stratford, Bridgeport and Redding were comprised in this tract. For two generations the Congregational church was the only mode of worship in the colony. In 1706 an Episcopal church was organized. Fairfield was laid in ashes during the Revolution and in the burning of the courthouse and churches many records were destroyed.

WILLIAM STRATTON OF WINSOR

(See Chart L)

The first mention of William Stratton at Winsor, Conn., is the record of his marriage, January 17, 1705–6, to **Abigail Moore.*** She was born September 12, 1682, daughter of *Andrew*

* That Willam of Winsor belongs to an earlier Stratton line there seems little reason to doubt, although the "missing link" has thus far evaded the most careful search made by the compiler and by Rev. C. C. Stratton, D. D., who has given the subject much thoughtful study and research. That this "link," like several others much desired to complete ancestral lines in other branches, will eventually be found, the writer confidently believes. During the periods of Colonial wars there was great restlessness among the Colonists,

and *Sarah* (*Phelps*) *Moore* of Winsor. The Moores were one of the fine old families of that region, and among the very early settlers. If William Stratton lived in Winsor before his marriage no record of the same has been found,—nor anything to afford any clew to his former residence. That he lived in Winsor after his marriage we know, and his two sons were born there.

In May, 1709, he was of that unfortunate command that set out to invade Canada, during the Old French War. The continental troops got as far as Wood Creek, near Albany, where they lay until fall. There was much sickness and suffering, and many deaths. On the original records at Winsor is this entry: "Oct., 1709, William Stratton died on board the vessel coming from Albany." On the fifth of the following December his widow, Abigail Stratton, was appointed administratrix of his estate. She was still Abigail Stratton at the settlement of her father's estate in 1720, after which no record of her has been found.

Children:—*Born in Winsor, Conn.*

+2 Serajah,[2] b. 1706; d. 1758.

+3 William,[2] b. 1708; d. 1766.

2. SERAJAH STRATTON [2] (*William* [1]) was born March 7, 1706–7. Records of him are found both in Winsor and in Simsbury,—the adjoining town on the west. He probably lived very near the line between the two towns. December 12, 1728, he married **Eunice Case,** daughter of *Elizabeth* and *Samuel Case.* She was born in Simsbury, July 8, 1704. The Case family lived in that part of the town which later became Broomfield. A deed is found showing that Serajah Stratton and Eunice, his wife, sold land in Simsbury in 1735. This was not the land upon which their house was situated. May 1, 1758, Serajah enlisted for service in the French and Indian War. He was clerk of the company organized by Captain Nathaniel Holcomb, under Colonel Pheneas Lyman. On July 30 of the same year Serajah died in the service of his country,—as did his father forty-nine years before.

Administration on his estate was granted his widow Eunice. The inventory of estate includes, besides the farm and house, live-

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and much moving from place to place. William was probably born about 1680–4—possibly a little earlier. Any clew which may lead to his parentage would be greatly appreciated by his descendants and by the compiler.

stock, farming implements and carpenter's tools, household furniture and clothing; also, a "Beak-horn" and books,—including "an old family Bible" (would we could find it to-day!) and a book called *Pleasant Companion.*

Children:—*Births recorded in Simsbury, Conn.*

+4 Martin,[3] b. 1730.

−5 Eunice,[3] b. July 27, 1733; m. 1st, **Dudley Higley,** who died in 1771; 2d, **Nathaniel Messenger.**

−6 Serajah,[3] b. July 7, 1740; obeyed the "alarm call" in 1757,—then only seventeen years old—and marched to the relief of Fort Edward and parts adjacent, under Captain Trumble of Winsor. Apr. 21, 1758, he enlisted in the French and Indian War in the same company in which his father served; was discharged Oct. 28, 1758. His name does not again occur at Simsbury. (Further information concerning him is much desired.)

3. William Stratton[2] (*William* [1]) was born in Winsor, September 25, 1708. He lived in Suffield, a township north of Winsor. He married **Jemima Nelson,** before 1730, and died in Suffield in 1766.

Children:—*Born in Suffield, Conn.*

− 7 Mary,[3] b. 1730.

− 8 William,[3] b. Mar. 3, 1736. In May, 1774, his name appears in a list of five men, in Suffield, who "being Baptists by profession were relieved from the ministerial tax." No record of his marriage or death is recorded at Suffield.*

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* In 1796–7 a list giving "ship-masters natives or residents of Weathersfield" contains the name of William Stratton, master of the sloop "Victor." This may be the William Stratton who married Ruth Buck of Weathersfield.

In 1796 (February 21) a William Stratton married Mary Ann Howard in Baltimore, Md. He was a sea captain, and died at sea about 1802–3. His name does not occur at Baltimore earlier than the date of his marriage. From 1796 to 1801 his name is in the Baltimore directory, thus: "William Stratton, Ship-master, 34 Wolf St., Fells Point, Baltimore." William Obediah, only son of William and Mary Ann (Howard) Stratton, was born in Baltimore, November 19, 1798. For his descendants see *Vol. II.*

At about the same time two other Strattons appeared in Baltimore, Robert and James, supposed to be cousins of William. In 1802 they were in the

– 9 Jemima,[3] b. 1739.
+10 John,[3] b. 1744; d. 1824.
+11 Abigail,[3] b. 1746.

4. MARTIN STRATTON [3] (*Serajah,*[2] *William* [1]) was born in Simsbury, Hartford County, Conn., January 13, 1730. He married **Hannah Griffin,** October 1, 1767. When the town was divided, in 1786, their home was in that part from which the new town of Granby was formed. About five miles from Simsbury is a small village still bearing the name "Stratton-Brook."

Martin was a farmer and lived on the homestead which, as eldest son, he had inherited from his father. The latest record which the writer has been able to find of him in Hartford County was in 1786. Some time before 1691 the family moved to Bradford County, Pa.*

Children:—*Births recorded in Simsbury.*

+12 Martin,[4] b. 1768.
+13 Cephas,[4] b. 1769; d. 1833.
+14 Timothy,[4] b. 1772; d. 1853.
–15 Silas,[4] b. Mar. 20, 1776; of whom further information is desired.
+16 Calvin,[4] b. 1777.
–17 Serajah,[4] b. 1779; went to Ontario County, N. Y., Mar. 12,

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grocery business, corner Lancaster and Market Streets, Fells Point. Nothing more is known of Robert except that he died in Baltimore in 1836, leaving about $3,500 worth of property, secured by a mortgage on a house and lot in Tenth Street, New York City. The legatees and executors of his will were his two friends, John Watchman and John Bratt, two noted machinists of Baltimore. James married Hannah, daughter of James and Hannah Latimer. Where this marriage occurred is not learned, but they lived only a short time in Baltimore. James died young, leaving an only child, James Latimer Stratton, born 1801, who was brought up by his maternal grandparents in New York State. This son married Eliza Colon, a native of Nantucket. He died in Hudson, N. Y., in 1859—"a grand and noble man," writes an old gentleman who still remembers him, "worthy of his lovely and noble wife." They left no children. The only legatees of his will are his wife, Eliza (who died in Astoria, L. I.), and her half-brother, Wm. H. D. Bronson of Brooklyn, N. Y.

* No record of Martin's death, nor of Hannah's has been found. Many of his descendants have been traced to the present day. Among them are men occupying positions of trust and honor. See Rev. Charles Carroll Stratton, D. D., in *Who's Who in America.*

1812, was made ensign, and later lieutenant, in Colonel A. Saxton's Regt. In 1813 was promoted to captain in Colonel Peter Allen's Regt., 22d Infantry. Resigned before 1816. Has not been located after this date.

Births recorded in Granby.

−18 Fannie,[4] b. July 8, 1782; m. **John Hays.**

−19 Phineas,[4] b. May 24, 1786.

10. John Stratton[3] (*William,*[2] *William*[1]) was born in Suffield, Hartford County, Conn., in 1744. In 1767 he married **Orpha Nelson,** of his native town. She died in 1789 and two years later he married **Lucy Austin.** He died in Suffield, aged 80 years,—his second wife having died four years earlier.

Children:—*Born in Suffield.*

−20 John,[4] b. Aug, 18, 1767. No further record of him is found in Suffield.

−21 Orpha,[4] b. 1769.

−22 Ruth,[4] b. 1770.

+23 Harvey,[4] b. 1773.

12. Martin Stratton[4] (*Martin,*[3] *Serajah,*[2] *William*[1]) was born in Simsbury, Hartford County, Conn., March 13,1768. He seems to be the first of the family to "go west." Taking his tools with him he went across the country to Bradford County, Pa. Here he worked at the carpenter's trade, living in Towanda, at the home of *Ezra* and *Ann Rutley,* whose daughter, **Rebecca Rutley**, he married about 1796. After their marriage they lived for a while at West Burlington, and then returned to Towanda. Here he bought a farm, and in company with his brother Cephas, built a gristmill. In 1809 or 1810 a sawmill was built; "He was called Capt. Stratton. He was kind hearted, generous, and much respected by his neighbors." (*History of Towanda.*) Rebecca died in 1818. No date of Martin's death has been found.

Children:

−24 Samuel,[5] b. 1808; inherited the homestead, near Towanda.

−25 Martha,[5] m. **Thomas Hawkins.**

There were other children. Any further data of this family would be gratefully received.

13. CEPHAS STRATTON [4] (*Martin,*[3] *Serajah,*[2] *William*[1]) was born May 13, 1769, and came with his father's family to Bradford County, Pa., where, in company with his brother Martin, he owned and operated a saw and gristmill in 1809 and 1810. He married **Hannah Adams** about 1796. They lived near Towanda until 1813 and then removed to Tioga County, Pa., and lived for five years near Canoe Camp. October 12, 1818, they left Pennsylvania for Hamilton County, Ohio, and settled at Cumminsville, on Mill Creek, a few miles north of Cincinnati, where he died October 28, 1833.

Children:—*Born in Pennsylvania.*

−26 Seymore,[5] b. Bradford Co.; d. in Tioga Co., Pa.
+27 Curtis Philander,[5] b. 1799; d. 1873. See *Vol. II.*
+28 Orange,[5] b. 1800. *See Vol. II.*
−29 Dilla,[5] } Twins, d. young.
−30 Silsa,[5] }
+31 Martin,[5] b. 1806. See *Vol. II.*
−32 Milton,[5] b. 1808; d. 1840.
+33 Myron.[5] See *Vol. II.*
−34 Harriet M.[5], b. 1816; d. Sept. 18, 1888, unm.
−35 Samantha,[5] b. Feb. 5, 1817; d. unm.

In section 35, lot 94, of the old Cumminsville Cemetery (once a part of the Stratton farm), back of Cincinnati, may be seen the last resting place of Cephas and Hannah Stratton, and three of their children, Milton, Harriet and Samantha.

14. TIMOTHY STRATTON [4] (*Martin,*[3] *Serajah,*[2] *William*[1]) was born November 4, 1772. While yet a young man he removed from Hartford County, Conn., to Bradford County, Pa. He married **Elizabeth Horton** about 1797, and lived on a farm near Towanda until 1816, when they removed to Springfield, Ohio, where he died, aged 81 years.

Children:—*Born in Pennsylvania.*

−36 Phineas,[5] b. 1798.
+37 Stephen Curry,[5] b. 1800. See *Vol. II.*
+38 Timothy,[5] b. 1802. See *Vol. II.*
−39 Calista Ann,[5] b. Mar. 18, 1805; m. **Casper Budd.**
+40 William,[5] b. 1807. See *Vol. II.*
+41 Henry Spalden,[5] b. 1809. See *Vol. II.*

+42 Calvin,[5] b. 1811. See *Vol. II.*
−43 Richard,[5] b. Oct. 6, 1813; d. 1815.
Born in Ohio.
+44 Isaac Horton,[5] b. 1817. See *Vol. II.*
−45 Eliza Jane,[5] b. Nov. 24, 1721; d. 1725.

16. Calvin Stratton [4] (*Martin,*[3] *Serajah,*[2] *William* [1]) was born May 31, 1777, came to Bradford County, Pa., about 1690–1. ? wrong He married ——— **Horton,** a sister of Elizabeth Horton. He was a captain in the war of 1812, and about the close of the war removed with his family across the Alleghany Mountains into Ohio.

Children:
−46 Phineas.[5]
−47 Timothy,[5] settled in Indiana.
−48 William.[5]
−49 Henry.[5]
−50 Isaac,[5] settled in Indiana.
+51 Calvin,[5] b. 1812. See *Vol. II.*
−52 A daughter who married **Colonel Charles Budd** of Indiana.

The descendants of Calvin are the only ones of this family whom the compiler has been able to locate. Any clew to the other sons would be gladly received.

23. Harvey Stratton [4] (*John,*[3] *William,*[2] *William*[1]) was born in Suffield, Conn., December 30, 1773. He married and lived in Southwick, Mass. His first wife died and he married, second, a Mrs. Betterton.

Children:—*Born in Southwick* (?).
+53 Julius.[5] See *Vol. II.*
−54 Zopher.[5]
−55 Mary.[5]
−56 Lucia.[5]
−57 Morgan.[5]
−58 Allen.[5]

The above names of children of Harvey Stratton are found recorded at Southwick, without dates. The books there contain no further record of the family. Information concerning the other sons is much desired.

EARLY STRATTONS OF NEW JERSEY

" Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations; ask thy father, and he will show thee; thy elders, and they will tell thee."

DEUTERONOMY XXXII, 7.

IN 1664 the territory between the Hudson and the Delaware was granted, by the Duke of York, to Lord Berkeley and Sir George Carteret. To this territory was given the name New Jersey, Carteret having been governor of the Isle of Jersey. Ten years later Berkeley sold his portion, East Jersey, to the Quakers. Later, William Penn bought West Jersey from the heirs of Carteret.

In 1702 the two colonies were united and New Jersey was thereafter a royal province. As early as 1665 a few people from Long Island settled in East Jersey. In 1677, the "Good ship Kent" brought over from England about 200 people, the first colony sent out by the West Jersey Company. Religious toleration was permitted, and at once settlers began to come into "the Jersies" from New England and Long Island colonies. Other emigrants came rapidly from England.*

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* Wm. Penn, it will be remembered, was much interested in the attempts of the Quakers to make West Jersey a refuge for those who were persecuted for " religion's sake." Reference is found to an early acquaintance in England between the Penns and Strattons:

"Thomas Penn's will dated Jan. 29, 1655–6. Letters of administration issued to Richard Stratton, principal executor of Thomas Penn, late of Stratford."

Folio 11. Prerogative Court of Canterbury.

In "a collection of the sufferings of the people called Quakers for the Testimony of a Good Conscience from their rise in 1650. Taken from Original Records, and other Authentick Accounts by Joseph Bessel," published in London by Luke Hinde, 1753, are references to John Stratton, Buckinghamshire, 1660 to 1676. He was "taken out of meeting by armed men and committed to prison" for not appearing before the Surrogate of the Bishop of Lincoln, to answer a charge of absenting himself from his parish chruch, and for not receiving the sacrament." With him were many others, among

In 1681 the ship "Paradise" brought a body of colonists, among whom were Timothy Hancock and his sister Mary, from Warwickshire.

Mary married William Matlock, who came in the "Kent." Timothy settled on a tract of 100 acres of land in Burlington County, between the forks of the Pensauken Creek, about two miles from the present town of Moorestown. In 1682, in connection with William Matlock and John Roberts, he bought a piece of land of the Indian chief Tallaca, the original deed to which is still preserved by a descendant of Wm. Matlock:

"Know all people that I tallaca have had and Received of & from John Roberts with the consent of the neighborhood at pimsawquin one match coate one Little Runlit of Rum and two bottles of Rum In Consideration whearof I the said taleca doe hearby grant Bargin & sell unto the said John Roberts timothy Hancock and William Matlock all those plantations at pimsawquin promising for Ever to defend the said John Roberts &c from all other Indians Laying any Claime theareto in wittness whearof I the said talleca have hear unto set my hand and seale the twelveth day of April 1684.

"the mark of *Z* talleca."

Timothy was a young man when he came to New Jersey. Three years later,—November 16, 1684,—he married Rachel Firman, in Evesham monthly meeting. Rachel died before 1690 and Timothy married Susannah Ives.* He was a prominent man in the colony.

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them Edward Chester, Thomas Martin, William Francis, Henry Newman, Henry House, John Briden and Robert Wallis.

In the same volume is given a long letter to Fretwell, dated August 16, 1677, telling of the persecutions of the "people reproachfully named Quakers," of Rhode Island and Long Island. Among those mentioned are Lydia Wright, Sarah Miles, Robert Edwards, Miles Foster, Humphrey Hodges, William Neale, William Mumford, Bridget Phillips and Eliphal Stratton.

* The Firmans were among the first settlers on Long Island, and being Quakers they were probably among those who early removed to West Jersey. There was a large settlement of Friends at Salem, N. J. The records of their monthly meetings are now being compiled for the Pennsylvania Genealogical Society.

No record has been found showing the date of Rachel's death, nor that of Timothy's marriage to Susannah, but the following from the public records

The first "Friends meeting" was held at his house and the monthly meetings continued to be held there on alternate "First Days" for several years. The first burial ground for the community was on his land.* In the autumn of 1713 two daughters of Timothy Hancock married Strattons. These two young men, Emanuel Stratton and Mark Stratton, were brothers. The records of their marriages give no clew to their parentage or former residence. In each case the record simply says, "he being a single man." From this date much is known of them. More than a thousand of their descendants have been satisfactorily traced.

Conflicting traditions are found concerning their ancestry.

Cregar's *Haine's Ancestry*, published in 1887, contains this:

"Emanuel Stratton of Gloucester County, New Jersey, yeoman, a native of Long Island and a member of the Society of Friends is said to have descended from a William Stratton, of Stratford, England, four of whose sons emigrated to America. Emanuel died in 1725 appointing his 'lone brother,' Mark Stratton of Evesham, executor of his will."

This is the belief of many branches of his descendants, founded, as far as the writer has been able to learn, upon *tradition only*. By a careful study of the original will at Trenton, the word which Cregar supposed to be "lone" proves to be "lovin"

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as published in Vol. XXI, N. J. Archives, page 479, goes to prove that both occurred prior to May 1, 1690:

"1690, 1st d., 3rd mo. Deed: Daniel Mills of Northampton River, Burlington Co., Yeoman to Timothy Hancock on Cropwell Creek said Co., and wife Susannah, formerly Susannah Ives, for 80 acres to be taken up in West Jersey." And from the same source is a mention of a deed given in 1690, by Walter Humphries of County of Gloucester, England, by his son and attorney, Joshua Humphries, "to Timothy Hancock and his daughter Elizabeth by his former wife Rachel Firman." Several published works claim that Ann, daughter of Timothy Hancock (wife of Mark Stratton), was the daughter of his first wife. The above proves that this is not true, as Ann Hancock was born August 11, 1691.

* This old graveyard, one half acre, is now a part of a farm. It is on a knoll, on the west bank of the north branch of Pensanken Creek. An effort is being made by one of the descendants of Timothy Hancock to permanently mark this last resting place of many of the first settlers. Otherwise the location of this ancient burial ground must soon be lost.

(loving), but there is nothing to indicate that there were other brothers.

A tradition found in other branches says that these brothers came directly from England to New Jersey, and this belief is strengthened by the following little sketch written and left by "Grandmother Cowperthwaite," a great-granddaughter of Mark Stratton:

"A History of the burial of the first person in the Orthodox Friends' Graveyard at Medford, N. J.

"Martha Cowperthwaite's great-grandfather, Mark Stratton, departed this life 4th mo. 3rd, 1759, aged 67 years. He came out from old England in 1702 with Robert Bradock, sr., and others. He was buried in a piece of ground by the new school house, by the consent of Friends."

This was written many years after Mark's death,—after the death of all his children. That he "came out from Old England" was probably a *tradition only* with "Grandmother Cowperthwaite," who was born nearly fifteen years after the death of her great-grandfather. Yet traditions are always of interest, often suggestive and helpful in research, and sometimes lead to the discovery of facts,—hence these are given here.

Mark and Emanuel Stratton, and all their children, were Friends, as are many of their descendants to-day.* Leaving their ancestry in the region of tradition, records of their descendants,

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* Mark's sons usually spelled the name Strattan, and several branches so spell it to-day. Neither Mark nor Emanuel signed his own will.

In the old wills, deeds, meeting records, etc., the name is spelled in several different ways. There can be no doubt that the name was originally a "place name," the last syllable derived from the Anglo-Saxon "*tún*," now correctly written town, or "ton."

It might be added here, that among many widely separated branches of this line the compiler has continually come across two beliefs which run like this: "We come from an armigerous line of Strattons, our grandfather always told us that we were entitled to the Stratton arms. Our ancestor brought with him to the colonies an oak chest with the Stratton crest covered on it. This chest was in the family for several generations, and ought to be found somewhere among the descendants to-day." "The first Stratton of our line settled on an island,"—some say Long Island, others claim that it was "Staten Island, which at first was called Stratton Island." The compiler has found no authority for these traditions, but it would be interesting to learn when and where they originated.



Old Orthodox Friends' Graveyard, Medford, N. J.

The schoolhouse, in the background, stands where the "new schoolhouse" stood in 1759. Near it are several Stratton graves. (*Pages* 240, 251.)



Enoch Stratton's Home

Built in 1792 by Enoch Stratton (31, Chart M), grandson of Mark Stratton.[1] Enoch's great-grandson, Mark Stratton Zelley, may be seen in the picture (1907). (*Page* 276.)

as completely as the compiler has been able to collect them, are here given to the fifth generation. Volume II of this work will continue the compilation from the point where this volume leaves it.*

EMANUEL STRATTON OF EVESHAM

(*See Chart N*)

1. EMANUEL STRATTON † married **Hannah Hancock,** November 6, 1713. She was a daughter of *Timothy* and *Susannah* (*Ives*) *Hancock* and was born June 25, 1695. Her home was in Chester Township, Burlington County, and this marriage is recorded on the minutes of the Haddonfield monthly meeting.‡ At this time Emanuel was "of Gloucester County." § December 28, 1717, he purchased from Timothy Wilkins, 117 acres of land in Evesham Township in Burlington County. September 24, 1719, he bought two acres, seven perches of land of William Sharp, and in May, 1723, he bought of his brother, Mark Stratton, land in Evesham.

Children:

+2 Emanuel,[2] b. 1714; d. 1781.

−3 Jacob,[2] legatee in his father's will in 1725.

−4 Mary,[2] m. **Joseph Lewis** of Burlington Co., Oct. 18, 1733.

−5 Martha,[2] m. **Joshua Ballinger** in Feb., 1741, at the Haddenfield monthly meeting.

Emanuel Stratton [1] made his will April 5, 1725, and died before the seventeenth of the following June. He was probably a comparatively young man at the time of his death. His will is recorded at Trenton, Liber 2, folio 309. His brother Mark, whom he made his executor, outlived him thirty-one years.

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* For convenience in referring to them Mark and Emanuel are here called the first of their lines, and written Mark [1] and Emanuel,[1] although no claim is made that they were the emigrants.

† In the original records of him, as in the signing of his will, it is written "Manuel Stratton."

‡ Evesham monthly meeting was established by a division of Haddenfield, about 1759.

§ Gloucester County then included the present counties of Salem and Cumberland, where many early Quakers settled.

Will of Emanuel Stratton *

1725

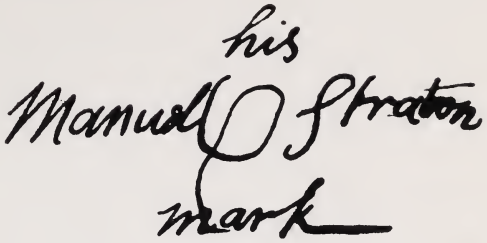
In the name of god Amen: the 5th day of April: 1725 I Manuel Stratton being weeak of body but of good and perfect memory thankes be to Allmighty God for it, and Calling to mind that all men are borne to dye: first of all I bequeath my soul to God that gave it and my body to be buered in a decent maner by my Executors here after named—now as touching my worldly Estate which it hath pleased God to Bless mee with, when all my Just debtes are payed out of my moveable Estate: I give and bequeth to hanah my Loveing Wife all the Rest of my goodes and Chattels Except two horses and three Coues two Sowes and five Sheep and plow and plow irons and geares for two horses all which I Give and be queath to my son Manuel when hee Shall Com to the age of twente one years: Itam I give and bequeath to my Son Maunel all my Landes to him his heairs and Assigns for Ever: and it is my will and plesure and I do hereby order: that my son Manuel doe pay to his brother Jacob the Sum of twenty pounds when he the sd Jacob shall be twente four years old but if it So happen that my son Manuel shall depart this life without a Lawfull heair of his body, then and in such Case: my son Jacob shall have and in Joy all my Landes to him and his heairs or assignes for Ever: but then hee the sd Jacob shall pay to his two Sisters, Mary and Martha the sum of ten pounds a peace: when he the sd Jacob Shall be twente five years old if his Sisters are then a live to reseve it.

Itam I give and bequeth to hanah my Wife all my plantation for her queitly and peaceably to ues ocupy and injoy during her life or widowhud: but if Shee see Caus to mare again then the plantation Shall be let to Rent and that money that Can be Raised Shall be Equally devided amongst all my Children: and for the true per formance and Execut^{ing} of this my Last will and Testament I doe make hanah my Wife and Mark Straten my Lovin brother my Executors to see all this my Last will and Testament

* The inventory of his "goods and chattels" names "movable estate" to the amount of £161 8*s.* 6*d.* Some of the articles are "down stairs in the new house," and some are in the "old house."

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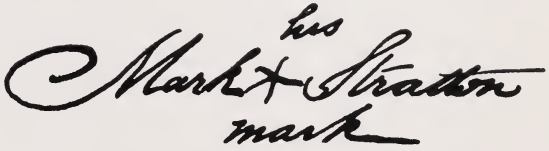
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Be it Remembered that on the thirteenth Day of January Anno Domini one thousand Seven hundred and thirty four before me Samuel Bustill D Register and ordinary for the Western Division of the Province of New Jersey personally came and appeared Mark Stratton one of the Executors of the within last will named and appointed he being one of the People called Quakers on his Solemn affirmation according to Law, did declare and affirm that the within written Instrument contains the True last Will and Testament of Manuel Stratten the Testator therein named as far as he knows and believes, and that he will well and truly perform the Same so far as at this Time in him lyeth, and the Law will charge, and that he will render a just account when he shall be thereunto required.

Affirmed before
me Sam[l]. Bustill
D. Reg[t].



Pro. New Jersey
Count: Burlington } ss

This Second day of November Anno: Dom: one thousand seven hundred and twenty five personally came before me Samuel Bustill Surrogate of the Western Division of the province of New Jersey duly Commissioned and impowered for the proving of Wills and swearing of Executors &c: Hannah Stratten the Executrix in the within written will of Manuel Straten dece[d] named

and appointed she being one the people called Quakers, on her Solemn affirmation according to Law she doth declare, that the writing contained on the other half of this sheet of paper is the last Will and Testament of Manuel Straten the Testator, therein named as far as she knows and believes & that she will well and Truly perform the same by paying the Debts of the dece^{d} and then the Legacies contained in the said Will so far forth as the Goods Chattels & Credits of the s^{d} dece^{d} Will thereunto Extend or the Law will charge and that she will make a True and perfect Inventory and also render A Just acco^{t} when thereunto required.

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Affirmed at Burlington
Before me
Sam^{l}. Bustill Surr.

An Invetary (dated June 17, 1725) of all the goodes and Chatels of Manuel Straten desesed.

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to his purs and aparil	23	10	7	2
to 9 Cows and 2 yearlings	24	0	0	
to 3 mayers	12	0	0	
to 20 sheep	5	0	0	
to a wagin	5	0	0	
to a plow and Irons and 22 harra teeth	1	15	0	
to hors gears and tackling	2	10	0	
to 2 axis 4 hones and other Edgtooles	2	10	0	
to 1 stack of hay	2	0	0	
to Corn in the heir	1	16	0	
to Wheat and Rey on the ground	6	0	0	
to 4 sheens	1	0	0	
to 2 saddeles	3	0	0	
to 3 potes and hookes and a pare of tongs	2	0	0	
to Sundere sortes of houshold goods	20	0	0	

It has been claimed that the use of the "a" in spelling the name might afford a clew to the ancestry of this line. The facsimiles given serve to show how Mark and Emanuel signed their own names. Their sons adopted the "a," and some of their descendants continue it.

2. EMANUEL STRATTON [2] (*Emanuel* [1]) was born in 1717. He was only eleven years old when his father died. He inherited, at twenty-one, the lands (239 acres) which his father bought in Evesham, and by purchase acquired other lands.

He married **Mary Joyce,** February 20, 1741. In July, 1748, he sold much of his inherited land to Michael Brannin. He seems, however, to have continued to live in Evesham, where he died at the age of 67 years. His will, recorded in Trenton, is dated August 31, 1781, and proved the following October. It names no real estate, except a cedar swamp which is bequeathed to his son Samuel. All the children except Josiah and Mary were married at the date of this will. It may be that property had already been divided among them.

Children:—*Probably born in Evesham.*

– 6 Rebecca,[3] m. 1st, **Ephraim Clinhuff,** Jan. 13, 1762, and 2d ——— **Carlile,** about 1775.

+ 7 Samuel,[3] executor of his father's will in 1781.

– 8 Mary,[3] m. **Simeon Haines,** of Burlington, May 28, 1766,—youngest son of Abraham and Grace Haines.

– 9 Hannah,[3] m. **Seth Crispin,** Dec. 8, 1779.

+10 Emanuel,[3] of Gloucester County.

–11 Mercy,[3] of whom nothing is known after date of her father's will.

–12 Josiah.[3] This is probably the Josiah of Evesham who married **Sarah Alloways**—date of marriage Feb. 20, 1784.

WILL OF EMANUEL STRATTON [2] *

1781

Emanuel Strattan of the Township of Evesham in the County of Burlington in the Western Division of the province of West New Jersey yeoman being week in Body but of sound and Perfect Mind and Memory Thanks be to God therefor as for all his mercies Calling to mind the Mortality of my Body and knowing it is appointed for all men once to Die Do make and ordain this my

* Burlington County Files (original wills) 1778–83, Liber 23, folio 164. Official Secretary of State, Trenton, N. J.

Last Will and Testament that is to Say Principally and first of all I Recomment my Soul unto the hands of Almighty God that gave it and my Body to the Earth to he buried in a Chieftain like manner at the Discretion of my Executors here in after Named and touching such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give Devise and Despose of the same in the following manner and form.

Imprimis it is my will and I do hereby order that in the first Place all my just debts and funeral charges to be well and truely paid by my Executors as Soon as Reasonably may be after my Deceas.

Itim I give and bequeeth unto my Dearly Beloved wife Mary all my Movable Estate to her own Proper Use and benefit During her Natril Life or widowhood and then to be Left at her Descretion to My Children that is then Living.

Itim I give and Bequeeth unto my Son Samuel Strattan all my Cedar Swamp to him his heirs and assigns for Ever and also my old hunting gun.

Itim I give and Bequeeth unto my son Emanuel Strattan five shillings.

Itim I give and Bequeeth unto my son Josiah Strattan five shillings.

Itim I give and bequeeth unto my Daughter Rebeckah Carlile five shillings.

Itim I give and Bequeeth unto my Daughter Mary haines five shillings.

Itim I give and bequeeth unto my daughter Mercy Strattan five shillings.

Itim It is my will and I do hereby order that my executors to pay my Just debts, funeral charges and the aforesaid ligacies out of my movable estate within one year after my Deceas and I hereby Make and Constitute ordain and appoint my trusty friends Mary Stratton and Samuel Stratton my executors of this my Last Will and testament Ratifying allowing and confirming this and no other to be my Last Will and testament in Witness whereof I have here unto Set my hand and seal this thirty-first Day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred Eighty and one.

Emanuel Strattan [Seal]

Signed, sealed, published and Declared by the within named Emanuel Strattan as his Last will and testament in the presence of us.

Daniel Strattan, James his + mark Addams, Thomas Shinn

This will was probated by Mary Stratton and Daniel Stratton, October 5, 1781.

7. SAMUEL STRATTON [3] (*Emanuel,*[2] *Emanuel.*[1]) married **Elizabeth Price.** He lived in Evesham at the date of his marriage. A family record in the possession of a descendant says he died in Evesham in 1788–89, at the age of 36 years. The compiler has found no official record of him, except his marriage license, dated August 24, 1771, and the mention of him in connection with his father's will, in which he and his mother were named as executors and called "my trusty friends."

He must have died intestate, as no will of his has been found.

Child:

+13 Jacob,[4] b. 1772.

It is thought there were other children, but no record of them has been found.

10. EMANUEL [2] (*Emanuel,*[3] *Emanuel* [1]) was living in Gloucester County, June 6, 1774, when he married **Sarah Shute.** Later information concerning him is desired.

13. JACOB STRATTON [4] (*Samuel,*[3] *Emanuel,*[2] *Emanuel* [1]) was a farmer living near Swedesboro, New Jersey. He was quite a prominent member of the Society of Friends at Swedsboro. He married **Mary O'Riley.*** She is spoken of by her descendants as a "sweet little Quakeress" and is remembered for her many acts of kindness. He died February 21, 1856.

Children:—*Born near Swedesboro, N. J.*

−14 Elizabeth,[5] b. 1794; d. 1874; m. **Benjamin Ballinger.**

+15 Samuel,[5] b. 1796; d. 1874. See *Vol. II.*

+16 William A.,[5] b. 1801; d. 1850. See *Vol. II.*

+17 Thomas J.,[5] b. 1805; d. 1886. See *Vol. II.*

−18 Jacob,[5] died in infancy.

* A cousin of O'Riley, the Irish statesman.

+19 Emanuel R.,[5] b. 1807; d. 1888. See *Vol. II.*
−20 Lucretia B.,[5] b. 1809; d. 1896; m. **Wm. Justis.**
−21 Maria,[5] b. 1811; d. unmarried in 1870.
+22 Nathan Taylor,[5] b. 1813; d. 1888. U. S. Congressman, 1854–56. See *Vol. II.*
−23 Ann,[5] b. 1818; d. 1890; m. **Samuel White.**

MARK STRATTON OF EVESHAM

(*See Chart M*)

1. Mark Stratton lived in Evesham Township, near the present town of Medford, New Jersey. October 8, 1713, he married **Ann Hancock,** daughter of *Timothy* and *Susannah* (*Ives*) *Hancock.* His marriage is found on the Haddenfield monthly meeting records.

May 16, 1716, Mark bought 120 acres of land of Felix Leech, a part of which he sold to his brother Emanuel in 1723. In 1755, besides his homestead farm, he owned several other tracts of land, which by his will he divided among his five sons.

He lived to see all his children married into good old Quaker families of the community, and settled in homes of their own, not far from the paternal roof.

Among his descendants, now found in almost every part of our country, are stories of his devout Christian character, and noble, manly appearance, and of the sweet beauty of his wife, and her sisters, "the Hancock girls." According to the record left by "Grandmother Cowperthwaite," Mark died April 3, 1759, aged 67 years, and was buried "in a piece of ground by the new schoolhouse." This piece of ground became the Friends' graveyard at Medford, and many of Mark's descendants are buried there. The exact spot of Mark's last resting place can never be known, but it is greatly to be desired that his many descendants should contribute toward the erection of a tablet in this burial ground (which still belongs to the Friends and is kept in good condition), inscribed with an appropriate inscription to his memory.

Children:—*Born in Evesham.*

+ 2 David,[2] b. 1714; d. 1771.
+ 3 Daniel,[2] b. 1715; d. 1801.



Old buttonwood tree, which Elizabeth, d. of Thos. and Ruth Stratton Shinn (*page* 249), as a school girl, planted before her father's door, about 1765.

It stands to-day (1908) a well known landmark, in what was known two generations ago, as Shinntown, on the stone road, south of Medford,—the road over which the Evesham Strattons traveled to reach Camden and Philadelphia. Her father's house stood to the left of the tree, where W. H. Zelley is seen standing in this picture. (*Page* 276.)

– 4 Ruth,[2] m. 1742, **Thomas Shinn,** son of Samuel and Sarah (Scholey) Shinn.*
+ 5 John,[2] b. 1718; d. 1790.
+ 6 Enoch,[2] b. 1720; d. 1781.
+ 7 Isaac,[2] b. ———; d. 1781.
– 8 Ann,[2] m. **Hugh Sharp,** 1748. He came, in the ship "Samuel" in 1682, from Middlesex Co., England. Ann was his second wife.
– 9 Elizabeth,[2] m. **William Berry.**
–10 Jane,[2] m. **Joshua Norcross,** Apr. 10, 1754.

WILL OF MARK STRATTON [1] †

1756

I Mark Strattan of Evesham in the County of Burlington in the Western Division of the province of New Jersey (yeoman) being but weak of body but of sound and perfect mind and memory thanks be to God therefor as for all other his mercies. Calling to mind the mortallity of my body and knowing it is appointed for all men once to die, Do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament (that is to say) Principally and first of all I Recomend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it; and my body to the Earth to be buried In a Christian like and Decent manner at the Descretion of my Executor herein after named and touching Such worldy Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this Life, I Give Divise and Dispose of the Same in the following manner and form.

Imprimis It is my will and I do hereby order that In the first place all my Just Debts and funeral Charges be well and truly paid by my Executors as Soon as Reasonably may be.

Item I Give and bequeath unto my Dearly beloved wife Ann,

* Samuel Shinn was a son of Thomas and Mary (Stockton) Shinn. Thomas was one of the nine children of John and Jane Shinn, who came from England about 1679 and settled near Philadelphia.

† Liber 9, folio 202, Burlington County (original) Files, 1753–59. Office of Secretary of State, Trenton, N. J.

For the early wills of this line of Strattons (recorded at Trenton) the compiler is indebted to William H. Zelley (a descendant of Mark) who kindly had them copied from the originals. Mr. Zelley has also furnished other valuable material for this chapter.

All my houshold goods and moveable Estate, and also all the uses and profits of my homested plantation where I now Dwell (being in the occupation of my Son Daniel Strattan) During the time She shall keep Sole and *and* Remain my widdow.

Item I Give and bequeath unto my Son David Strattan the Sum of Twenty Shillings proclamation money (having Given him already what I can reasonably afford. Item I Give and bequeath unto my Son Daniel Strattan his heirs and assigns forever All my aforesaid homested Tract of Land and plantation as it now Stands Divided from the other part of my Said Land which is hereinafter Divised to my other two Sons John and Isaac, provided always that he my said Son Daniel Do well and truly pay or Cause to be paid unto my wife Ann aforesaid the yearly rent thereof During her widdowhood, and also Do after the marriage or Decease of my said wife which Shall first happen) pay or Case to be paid unto my Son Enoch Strattan the Sum of Ten pounds proclamation money and also unto my Son David Strattan the Sum of Twenty Shillings money as aforesaid and also unto my four Daughters (namely) Ruth the wife of Thomas Shinn, Ann the wife of Hugh Sharp, Elizabeth the wife of William Berry & Jane the wife of Joshua Norcross to each and every of them the Sum of Ten pounds money aforesaid and that In Six years after the Decease of my Said wife, provided also that If my said Son Daniel or his heirs Executors or Administerators Do or shall neglect or Refuse to pay the uses and Legacies afore Divised That then and in Such Case it shall and may be Lawfull to and for my Executor aforesaid or his heirs to sell and Convey such and So much the Said Land as Shall be Sufficient to pay the Same Ratifying and Confirming his or their Deed or Deeds to the purchasers thereof.

Item I Give and bequeath unto my Son John Strattan his heirs and assigns forever All that tract of Land and plantation whereon he Dwelleth which is bounded as follows Beginning at a pine Corner of my whole tract and Corner to John Gosling's land and bounds by Goslings line. South four Degrees East thirty one Chains to a post then by Charles Reads Land North fourteen Degrees East thirty one chains and three quarters to a pine then North Eight Degrees East twenty Chains and three quarters to a post then by a line Run for a Division between John Strat-

tan and Daniel Strattan North Sixty five Degrees West ninteen Chains to a post Corner to Isaac Strattans and by the same South five Degrees West twenty five Chains to a black oak marked for a Corner in Goslings line and by the same South Sixty one Degrees East seven Chains and a half to the place of beginning Containing about fifty three acres. Item I give and bequeath unto my Son Isaac Strattan his heirs and assigns forever All that tract of Land where he now Dwells Bounded as follows Beginning at a gum tree Corner to my whole tract and Corner to John Goslings land and bounds by s[d] Gosling North fifty Degrees East twenty Chains and a half to a pine bush then South forty one Degrees East one Chain and thirty Links to a black oak Corner to Daniel Strattan's land then by the same South three Degrees and a half East thirty nine Chains to a pine in John Strattans line then by the same North Sixty five Degrees West four Chains and ninety Links to a post then South five Degrees West twenty five Chains to a black oak in John Gosling's line then by said Gosling's land the several lines thereof to the place of beginning Containing about Ninty acres And I Do make ordain Constitute & appoint my son David Strattan only and Sole Executor of this my Last will and testament Ratifying allowing & Confirming this and No other to be my Last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto Sett my hand and Seal the ninteenth Day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and fifty five.

his
MARK + STRATTAN. [SEAL.]
mark

Signed Sealed published pronounced and Declared by the within named Mark Strattan as his Last Will and Testament In the presence of us

his
William W Garwood, John Prickitt, John Burr Ju[r]
mark

Know all men by these presents that I Mark Strattan of Evesham in the County of Burlington in the Western Division of the province of New Jersey yeoman, have made & ordained the within my Last Will and Testament in writing bearing Date the Ninteenth Day of June In the year of our Lord one thousand

Seven hundred and fifty five I the said Mark Strattan by this present Codicell Do Ratify & Confirm my said Last will & Testament: And Do will & Require That If Either or any of my said Daughters Shall Die before the time apointed in my said Will & Testament for their Receiving their Legacie or Legacies That then and in Such Case It is my *my* will That her or their Legacie or Legacies who shall be Deceased Shall & may be Equally Divided and paid unto the Survivor or Surviver's of my said Daughters: And my will & meaning is that this Codicell or Schedule be adjudged to be apart of my Last Will & Testament and that all things therein Contained be faithfully and Truly performed as fully & amply as If the Same ware Declared and Sett Down in my said Last Will & Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto Sett my hand & Seal this 14th Day of October In the year of our Lord 1756.

his
Mark + Strattan. [seal.]
mark

Signed Sealed published and Declared by the said Mark Strattan as part & Parcill of his Last Will & Testament In the presence of us

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William W Garwood, John Prickitt, John Burr Jur
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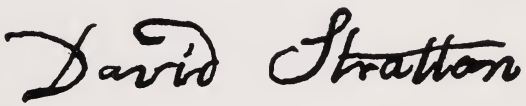
David Stratton the Executor in the within Will named being of the people called Quakers on his Solemn affirmation which he took According to Law did declare that the within writing Contains the True Last Will and Testament of Mark Stratton the Testator therein named & That he will well and Truly perform the same by paying first the Debts of the said Deceased & then the Legacies in the said Testament named so far forth as the goods Chattles & Credits of the said deceased can thereunto Extend and that he will make and Exhibit into the Registry of the Prerogative office in Burlington a True and perfect Inventory of all and singular the Goods Chattles and Credits of the said Deceased that have or shall come to his Knowledge or possession or to the Possession of any other person or persons for his use and render a Just and True account when thereunto Lawfully required Affirmed the 8th day of April Anno Domini 1759.

David Stratton.

2. DAVID STRATTON [2] (*Mark* [1]) was born in Evesham, in 1714–15. He married **Mary Elkinton,** daughter of *Joseph* and *Elizabeth* (*Antram*) *Elkinton*; she was born November 2, 1714, and died February 21, 1808. They were married January 7, 1736–37, at the meetinghouse in Chester Township (now Moorstown) New Jersey. Joseph Elkinton was son of *George Elkinton,* "blacksmith and maker of edged tools," who came to New Jersey on the "Kent" in 1677. He came from Warwickshire, and "passed the Burlington monthly meeting" June 6, 1688, and married *Mary,* daughter of *Walter Humphreys,* and widow of Enoch Cove. Walter Humphreys, "Weaver," came to New Jersey about 1679. *George Antram,* father of Elizabeth, came about 1680. He was a shoemaker. Almost every boy among these early Quakers was taught a trade.

In his certificate of marriage David Stratton is styled "a tailor." He became a prominent man in the Society of Friends and in the township. The *Pennsylvania Gazette* of December 11, 1755, contains this advertisement:

"Wanted, a sober person, that is capable of teaching a school. Such a one coming well recommended may find employment by applying to David Stratton of Evesham, in the County of Burlington, West New Jersey."



In 1759 he was executor of his father's will. His own will is dated May 20, 1771, and was proved the 11th of the following month. It mentions his wife and the eight children given below. To his wife he gave all his real and personal estate.

To the children, only small legacies—1 to 15 shillings—in money. They had probably received their portions when coming of age, or at marriage.

Grandson, Seth Stratton, was to have £5 at twenty-one. At date of this will all the daughters were married, except Mary, who was not yet eighteen. His wife Mary was his executrix.

She outlived her husband thirty-seven years, dying at the age of 94 years.

Children:—*Born in Evesham.*

−11 Sarah,[3] m. **Conrad Devo** of Burlington, Oct. 23, 1765.

−12 Susannah,[3] b. Aug. 14, 1739; m. **John Painter,** in 1759, and moved to Frederick Co., Va. He was son of John Painter, the emigrant.

−13 Amy,[3] m. **Garrot Goff** (or Groff) of Salem, Nov. 15, 1764.

+14 Joseph,[3] b. 1743; settled in Virginia in 1770.

+15 Elias,[3] went to Virginia in 1770.

−16 Mark,[3] named in his father's will, 1771, after which nothing has been found concerning him. It is quite probable that he, also, settled in Va.

+17 Daniel,[3] b. 1750; d. 1836.

−18 Mary, m.[3] **John Hunter** of Burlington, Nov. 3, 1773.

In the above list the sons are given in the order in which they are named in the father's will.

At least five of this family went to Virginia. Joseph and Susannah were already there at the time of their father's death.

The length of their sojourn in Virginia, however, was limited to a generation, or less. These Strattans were Quakers, and as Quakers they were opposed to slavery . For a while there was a large Society of Friends in Virginia, but their antislavery views caused bitter feelings against them, and many of them after a few years sought homes in the free states. Most of these Strattans moved from Virginia to Pennsylvania and Ohio between 1800 and 1812.

WILL OF DAVID STRATTON [2]

1771

I David Strattan of Evesham in the County of Burlington in the Western Division of the province of New jersey Taylor being Weak in Body but of sound and Perfect mind and Memory Thanks be to God there fore as for all his other mercies Cauling to mind the Mortallity of my Body and knowing it is appointed for all men once to Die Do Make and ordain this my Last will and testament that is to say Principally and first of all I Recommend my Soul unto the hand of Almity god that gave it and my Body to the Earth to be buried in a Christinlike maner at the

Discretion of my Executrix here after named and touching such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased god to bless me with in this Life I give Devise and Dispose of the same in the folowing Manner and form. Imprimis It is my will and I Do hereby order that in the first place all my Just Debts and funeral Charges be well and truly paid by my Executrix as soon as may be.

Itim I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Sarah Devo one shilling. Itim I give and Bequeath into my Daughter Susannah Painter one shilling.

Itim I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Amay Groff one shilling. Itim I give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Mary Strattan the sum of five shillings. Itim I give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Mary aforesaid one of my fether Beds and furniture which my Executrix thinks Proper at her Descretion at the age Eighteen years.

Itim I give and Bequeath unto my son Joseph Strattan the sum of ten shillings and also all Demands as I have against him. Itim I give and Bequeath unto my son Elius Strattan fifteen shillings. Itim I give and Bequeath unto my son Mark Strattan five shillings and one Broad ax betlerings & wedge. Itim I give and Bequeath unto my son Daniel Strattan five shillings one goug & 2 augers markt DS and seal Clasps & hamer & Brand iron. Itim I give unto my Grandson Seth Strattan the Sum of five Pounds to be paid to him by my Executrix when he arrives at the age of twenty one years.

Itim I give and Bequeath unto my Dearly Beloved wife Mary all my Rail and Personal Estate to her her heirs and assigns for Ever whatsoever & wheresoever and I Do order the aforesaid Legeseas to be paid to the Legatees within one year after My Deseas Except my Grandsons which is to be paid when he arives at age. And I Do make and Constitute ordain and appoint my Dearly Beloved wife Mary only sole Executrix of this my Last will and testament Ratifying allowing and Co-firming this and no other to be my Last Will and testament. In Witness whereof I have here unto set my hand and seal the twenteth Day of May in the year of our Lord one Thousand Seven hundred & Seventy one. And also apointing Thomas Shinn for an assistance to my Wife if occasion shall Require.

David Stratton. [seal.]

Signed, sealed, Published, Pronounced and Declared by the within named David Strattan as his last will and testament in the presents of us

Joseph Willcox, Jonathan Oliphant, Abraham Prickitt

Mary Stratton sole Executrix of the Last Will & Testament of the within named David Stratton being duly affirmed (she being of the people called Quakers) doth declare that the within Writing Contains the true Last Will & Testament of the Testator therein named so far as she knows & verily believes, that that she will well & truly perform the same first by paying the debts of the said deceased & then the Legacys in said Will—specified so far as the Goods Chattels & Credits of the said Deceased can thereto Extend that she will make & Exhibit into the Prerogative at Burlington a true & perfect Inventory of all & singular the Goods Chattels & Credits of said Decedent that have or shall come to her Knowledge or posesion or to the posession of any other Person or Persons for her Use & render a just & true account of her Administration when thereto lawfully required.

Affirmed the 11th June 1771 before
Jos: Read Surrogate.

Mary Strattan.

An Invetery of the good and Chattles of David Strattan Deceast taken this first Day of June 1771.

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John Branin
Lawrence Webster } Apprs.

Mary Strattan Ex^{x} All affirmed to Invty at Mt. Holly June 11th, 1771

Jos: Read Surrogate

3. Daniel Stratton [2] (*Mark* [1]) was born in 1715. By trade he was a cabinetmaker. He married **Mary Sharp,**—date of marriage license May 1, 1739. They were married "out of meeting," but sent in an acknowledgment of their marriage, which was accepted and recorded.

By his father's will he inherited the "homestead tract of land and plantation." Here his children were born, and here he lived all his life, dying at the age of 85 years.

His will, a fine old document, names twenty-nine legatees, He had acquired considerable property and was a prominent man in the community, noted for his business integrity and upright dealing, and for his kind interest in the wellfare of all with whom he came in contact.

Children:—*Born in Evesham, N. J.*

+19 Joshua,[3] b. 1739.
+20 Jonathan,[3] b. 1741; d. 1805.
21 Hannah,[3] m. **Samuel Phillips,** Apr. 3, 1769.
+22 Amos,[3] living in Burlington Co., in 1796.
−23 A daughter, who m. **Samuel Jones,** and died before 1796, leaving six children.
+24 David,[3] died before 1796.

WILL OF DANIEL STRATTON [2]

1796

I Daniel Strattan of Evesham in the County of Burlington and Western Division of the State of New Jersey, being weak in body, but favoured with a disposing mind and Memory. Do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament. Imprimis, it is my Will and I do hereby order that all my Just Debts and Funeral charges be well and truly paid out of my Personal Estate by my Executors herein after named.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Three Sons vitz[b]., Joshua, Jonathan & Amos Strattan, all my wearing Apparel to be Divided Equally amongst them or the Survivors of them. Item I give and bequeath unto my Son Joshua Strattan a Certain parcell or Tract of Land, whereon he now Liveth & also Fifteen Acres & a half of Land as will more plainly appear by a Draft, as I have divided it from my other Lands viz[b]., Nine Acres & a half Joining that part which my Son Jonathan Bought of Samuel Jones & Six acres of Land more. Joining my said Son Joshua's Ditch all which three pieces or Parcells of Land, as above described I give unto my said Son Joshua Strattan with all and every the Appurtenances thereunto belonging during his Natural Life. And then I give & bequeath the above said three pieces or parcells of Land unto my four Grand Sons Sons of my said Son Joshua viz[b]., Aaron, Michael, Daniel & Stacy Strattan to them their Heirs & Asigns for Ever

to be Equally divided amongst them provided they the said Aaron, Michael, Daniel & Stacy Strattan or the Survivors of them do pay unto their Four Sisters viz^{b}., Phebe, Ann, Mary & Elizabeth the sum of Fifteen pounds to be Equally Divided amongst them or the Survivors of them, which money is to be paid in Twelve Months after the Death of their Father.

And I will & order that my Daughter in Law Elizabeth Strattan wife of my Son Joshua Strattan, shall have a Home in my House after the Death of my Son Joshua if she survive him as Long as she remains his widow but no Longer. Item I also give and bequeath unto my said Joshua Strattan, his Heirs & asigns for Ever a Certain Lot or piece of Ceeder Swamp Containing Three Acres & Twenty four perches, be the Same more or Less it being the Second Lot.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Son Jonathan Strattan, my Homestead plantation whereon he now Liveth & occupieth together with three Acres & a half Quarter of Land which I Bought of John Gosling as is now Divided by Draft Containing in the whole Ninety one Acres of Land be the same more or Less with every the Appurtenances unto him his Heirs & Asigns for Ever. Item I also give & bequeath unto my said Son Jonathan Strattan his heirs and assigns for ever the Fourth Lot of Ceeder Swamp containing Five Acres, three Roads & five perches be the Same more of Less. I likewise give & bequeath unto my Son Jonathan Strattan My Clock. Item I give and bequeath unto my Son Amos Strattan, his Heirs & asigns for ever Fifty four Acres of Land, whereon he now liveth and occupieth. I also give and bequeath unto my said Son Amos Strattan his Heirs and asigns for ever, the Fifth Lot of Ceeder Swamp Containing Six Acres two Roods and Twenty three perches, be the Same more or Less. I likewise give and bequeath unto my Son Amos Strattan my Corner Cupboard that stands by my Clock.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Grand Son, John Strattan, Son of my Son David Strattan Deceased, all that piece or parcel of Land whereon my Son David lived (exceipt two Lotts herein after mentioned and described given to my Grandson Joseph Strattan) with every the appurtenances unto him the said John Strattan his Heirs & asigns for ever. Item I also give and bequeath unto my Grandson Joseph Strattan, two Lotts or pieces

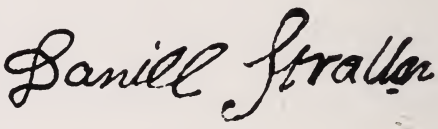
of Land being a part of the before mentioned peice or parcel of Land where my Son David formerly lived which was survey'd therefrom by William Sharp as may more plainly appear by a Draft thereof Dated Second of the Second Month in the year of our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred & Ninety six which said two Lotts or peices of Land Contains Six Acres & a half with every the Appurtenances unto him the said Joseph Strattan his heirs & asigns. Item I also give and bequeath unto my two Grandsons John and Joseph Strattan, Sons of my Son David, a Lot of Ceeder Swamp Containing three Acres three Roods and thirty three perches be the same more or Less, to be equally divided between them, their Heirs and asigns for ever. Item I give and bequeath unto my Grand Daughter Martha Strattan, Daughter of my Son David, My pair of Low Chest of Drawers and also my Dutch Spining wheel. Item I give and bequeath unto my Grandson Michael Strattan, a Certain piece of Lot of Ceeder Swamp Containing four Acres and a half to him his Heirs and asigns for ever, and also Forty Shilling in Money. Item I give and bequeath unto my Grandson Owen Strattan his heirs and asigns for ever, a Certain Lot or piece of Ceeder Swamp (Containing five Acres and one Quarter be the same more or Less, known by the name of the old Swamp, which two last mentioned Lotts or pieces of Swamps I Purchased of Solomon Gaskell. Item I give and bequeath unto my Grand Daughters May Warwick Twenty Shillings. Item I give and bequeath unto my two Grand Daughters Prudence and Naomi Strattan Daughters of my Son Jonathan, Twenty Shillings to Each of them. Item I give and bequeath unto my two Grand Daughters Hannah and Rachel Strattan (Daughter of my Son Amos) Twenty shillings to Each of them. Item I give and bequeath unto my two Grand Daughters Sarah Sharp and Mary Lippincott, Daughters of my Son in Law Samuel Phillips ten pounds to be divided between them or to the Survivors of them. I also give to the said Sarah Sharp my Sett of Bed Curtins, and I likewise give to the said Mary Lippincott my Looking Glass that hangs over the Drawers. Item I give and bequeath unto my Son-in-Law Samuel Jones's Six Children viz^{b}, Samuel, William, Elizabeth, Mary, Daniel & David Jones Six Pounds to be Equally devided amongst them or the survivors of them. And I will and order that these several

sums of money herein before mentioned Given and bequeathed by me shall not be paid in Less than one year after my Desease. Item I give and bequeath unto my Sons Jonathan and Amos Strattan, and to my Grandsons, Aaron and Michael Strattan, all the rest residue and Remainder of my Estate both real and Personal if any there to be Equally divided amongst them or the Survivors of them, their Heirs and asigns for Ever. And I do hereby Constitute make and ordain & appoint my two Sons Jonathan and Amos Strattan Executors to Execute this my last Will and Testament hereby Ratifying allowing and Confirming this and no other to be my Last will and Testament.

In Witnesss, whereof I have hereunto sett my Hand and Seal this Twenty third day of the Second Month in the year of our Lord one Thousand seven Hundred and Ninety-six (1796).

[SEAL.]

Signed, Sealed, Published and Declared by the said Daniel Strattan to be his Last will and Testament in the Presence of us



Gershom Penquite, Ephraim Strattan, John Forr

Jonathan Stratton & Amos Strattan Executors in the within Testament being duly affirmed according to Law did declare & Say that the within Instrument contains the true last Will and Testament of Daniel Stratton the Testator therein named so far as they know & as they verily believe that they will well & truly Perform the same by Paying first the debts of the said Deceased and then the Legacies in the said Testament specified so far as the Goods Chattles & Credits of the said Deceased can thereto extend & that they will make and exhibit into the Prerogative office at Trenton a true & Perfect Inventory of all & Singular the Goods Chattles & Credits of the said Deceased that have or shall come to their knowledge or Posesion or to the Posesion of any other Person or Persons for their use & render a just & true account when thereunto lawfully required.

Affirmed at Mount Holly
23d May, 1801 before
Sam[l] J Read Surrogate

Jonathan Strattan.
Amos Strattan.

It will be seen that this will was made when Daniel was 81 years old. His children were past middle age, and several of his grandchildren were married and had families of their own.

The sons named as legatees in the will had long been settled on the homestead, or on lands adjoining it. Were there other sons not mentioned in this will? *See Chart O.*

5. JOHN STRATTON [1] (*Mark* [1]) was born July 10, 1718, married **Ann Prickett,** November 13, 1744. She was a daughter of *William* and *Rebecca Prickett,* of Chester Township, N. J. At Haddenfield monthly meeting, February 12, 1742, "John Stratton (by William Forster) requested a certificate to Friends in Shenandoah, Virginia."

About this date, and for several years later, there was much moving from New Jersey to Virginia, and much visiting back and forth. There was a large settlement of Friends near Winchester, Virginia, where Hopewell monthly meeting had been established. It was customary in those early days,—and is still continued to some extent,—to give to Friends travelling from home, a certificate showing that they were in good standing in the meeting to which they belonged, and recommending them to the kind treatment of Friends whom they might visit. The certificate was read at the monthly meeting, and entered upon the minutes. It was probably such a certificate that John Stratton "requested." If he went to Virginia he did not long remain there. Two years later he married in New Jersey and settled near Medford (then Upper Evesham), on a farm of 53 acres, part of his father's estate. Here he lived for fifty-five years, a consistent member of the society. Here Ann died, December 7, 1783, and John seven years later, July 9, 1790.

Children:—*Born at Medford, N. J.*

−25 Esther [3] (or Hester), b. July 21, 1745; m. **Isaiah Hunt,** May 28, 1766.

+26 Ephraim,[3] b. 1747; d. 1828.

−27 Ann,[3] b. Jan. 6, 1749; d. Apr. 29, 1788; m. **Barzillah Brannin.**

−28 William,[3] b. 1752.

−29 Isabella,[3] b. June 27, 1755.

−30 Jane,[3] b. Feb. 5, 1759; m. **Benjamin Sever** of Evesham, Dec. 29, 1783.

+31 Enoch,[3] b. 1762; d. 1826.

−32 Susannah,[3] b. Feb. 13, 1755; d. Aug. 19, 1824; m. **Barzillah Brannin** (his second wife).

−33 Beulah,[3] b. Apr. 7, 1768; m. **Joshua Holbert.**

According to a family record William [3] (28) died May 4, 1778. This may be the William Stratton who married **Hannah Antram,** July 28, 1777. (New Jersey marriage licenses.)

6. Enoch Stratton [2] (*Mark* [1]) was born September 8, 1720, married **Amy Elkinton** in 1746,—sister of Mary Elkinton whom his brother David Stratton married. She was born January 13, 1724, and died February 1, 1817, thirty-six years after the death of her husband. They belonged to Haddenfield monthly meeting.



His will was made on June 14, 1781. He died on the first day of the following month.

Children:—*Born in Evesham.**

+34 Isaiah[3] b. 1748; d. 1781.

−35 Anna,[3] b. Dec. 24, 1749; d. Oct. 25, 1786; m. **Joshua Shreeves,** who died in 1790.

+36 Josiah,[3] b. 1752; d. 1789.

−37 Elizabeth,[3] b. Feb. 13, 1754; d. Jan. 21, 1822; m. ——— **Garwood.**

−28 Alice,[3] b. Jan. 3, 1756.

−39 Ruth,[3] b. Mar. 16, 1758; d. Oct. 16, 1790; m. **Thomas Sharp** of Evesham, Dec. 7, 1778.

−40 Hope,[3] b. July 23, 1760; d. Mar. 11, 1794; m. ——— **Shreeves.**

−41 Abigail,[3] b. Mar. 6, 1763; m. **John Bates,** in 1782. She died in 1828, and he in 1829. He was only son of John Bates, the emigrant, who settled in Philadelphia about 1740, and whose wife was Sarah (Collins).

−42 Levi,[3] b. Dec. 9, 1765.

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* Much of the data concerning this family is from the old Bible of Abigail (Stratton) and John Bates.

WILL OF ENOCH STRATTAN [2]

1781

I Enoch Strattan of the Township of Evesham in the County of Burlington in the Western Division of the Province of West New jersey yeoman being week in Body but of Sound and Perfect mind and Memory Thanks be to God therefore as for all his other mercies Calling to mind the mortallity of my Body and knowing it is appointed for all men once to Die Do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament that is to Say Principally and first of all I Recommend my Soul into the hands of Almighty god that gave it and my Body to the Earth to be buried in Cristianlike manner at the Dicretion of my Executors herein after Named and touching such worldly Estate where it hath pleased god to bless me in this Life I give Divise and Dispose of the Same in the following manner and form.

Imprimis it is my will and I Do hereby orter that in the first Place all my Just Dets and funeral Charges to be well and truly to be paid by my Executors as soon as Reasonably may be after my Deceas.

Itim I give and bequeath unto my Dearly Beloved Wife Amey all my movable Estate to her own Proper Use and benefit During her Natril Life or widowhood and then to be Left at her Discretion to my Daughters then Living & also my Lodging Room for a home for her and Liberty of the out house Seller & kitching and Liberty in my orchard for aples for home Use and Liberty of a gardin and to have a Cow and a horse kept and firewood brought to ye Dore in Lew of her Dower.

Itim I give and bequeath unto my Sun Isaiah Strattan his heirs and assigns for Ever all my homestut house & Lot or Plantation Except Eight acres which I hereafter bequeeth Unto my Son Levi Strattan.

Itim I give and Bequeeth unto my Sun Josiah Strattan his heirs and assigns for Ever all that house and Lot wheir he now Liveth Containing Seven acres be the Same more or Less Provided always that he my Sun Josiah Strattan Do well and truly Pay or Cause to be Paid unto my aforesaid Wife Amey five Pounds a year yearly and Every year During the term of Six years and no Longer but if my wife should Die before the Six years is Ex-

pired that my will is that my Sun Josiah shall pay the Remainder of the money unto my Sun Levi Strattan when he shall arive at age of twenty one years.

Itim I give and Bequeeth unto my Sun Levi Strattan his heirs and assigns for Ever a Certain piece of wood Land Containing Eight acres to be Survaid of from the west Eand of my homestid tract where it may best Suit.

Itim I give and Bequeeth unto my three Suns aforesaid Isaiah Josiah & Levi Strattan a Certain Peas of Ceder Swamp which I Purched of my Brother Daniel Strattan Shear and Shear alike to be Divided as may best Suit.

Itim I give and bequth unto my five Daughters Namely Anner Elizabeth Ruth Hope & Abigal five shilings Each to be Paid to them in three month after my Deceas.

Itim it is my will and I Do hereby order my Executors to pay my Just Dets funeral Charges & these five Last Legocyss out of my movable Estate And I Do make and Constitut ordain and Appoint my trusty friends Amey Strattan and Isaiah Strattan my Executors of this my Last will and testament Ratifying allowing and Conforming this and no other to be my Last Will and testament In Witnes whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and Seal the foreteenth Day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred eighty & one.

Enoch Strattan. [seal.]

Signed Sealled published pronounced and Declared by the within Named Enoch Strattan as his Last Will and testament in the presence of us

Ephraim Strattan, John Walling, Thomas Shinn

Amey Stratton and Isaiah Stratton Executrix & Exec^{r} in the said Will named being duly affirmed do declare that the within writing contains the true Last Will and Testament of Enoch Stratton the Testator therein named to the best of their knowledge and belief, that they will well and truly perform the same first by paying the debts of the said dec'd & then the Legacys in the said Testament specified so far as the Goods Chattels & Credits of said dec^{d} can thereto extend that they will make and exhibit into the Prerogative Office at Burlington a true & perfect Inventory of all & singular the Goods Chattels & Credits of said

dec[d] that have or shall come to their knowledge or posesion or to the posesion of any other person or persons for their use and render a just and true account of their Administration, when thereto lawfully required.

Affirmed 28 July 1781
before Jos: Reed Surrogate

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ISAIAH STRATTAN.

7. ISAAC STRATTON[2] (*Mark*[1]) was born about 1719. He married, first **Ann** ——— (who was the mother of all his children), and second, **Mary Prickett,** widow, March 4, 1778. (Date of license.) She survived him and died in 1795. Her will, recorded at Trenton, names only her children by her first husband. But little is known of Isaac Stratton. His name has not been found on the Friends' records. Perhaps his first marriage was "outside of the society." His name occurs in the list of men who enlisted in the French and Indian War, in Captain Enoch Hunt's Company, Colonel Samuel Hunt's Regiment, raised in the Province of New Jersey, and to serve one year from May 8, 1761. In his will he is styled "Isaac Stratton, senior, of the township of Evesham." By this will the six sons are to have five shillings each; daughter Elizabeth five pounds, and a silver tankard, while the residue of estate goes to his wife, Mary. The original will is in the office of the Secretary of State at Trenton.

There seems to have been some difficulty in settling the estate, and when the will went to probate a large number of depositions were taken. Jacob Sharp testified that "On the Saturday before Isaac Stratton died he told the deponent that he was not satisfied with the writing he had made and wished his youngest son, Benjamin, to have twenty or thirty pounds, also his horse and watch and clothes, and he also told deponent about five weeks before his death that he was not satisfied with the will in the keeping of Lawrence Webster."

Children:—*Probably born in Evesham.*

−43 Abraham.[3]
−44 Isaac,[3] prob. m. **Mary Bullen,** in Evesham, Dec. 25, 1782.
+45 Thomas,[3] b. Nov. 15, 1755.
−46 John.[3]
−47 Sanders.[3]

–48 Benjamin.[3]
–49 Elizabeth.[3]

Of the above sons only Thomas has yet been authentically traced after the death of their father. The Abraham and John Stratton who were living in Cumberland and York Counties, Pa., in 1780, may belong here. Some of the family may have gone to Virginia.

WILL OF ISAAC STRATTAN [2]

1781

In the name of God Amen. I, Isaac Strattan of the Township of Evesham in the County of Burlington, in the State of New Jersey, senior, being weak in Body but of sound and desposing mind memory and understanding do make and publish this my last will and Testament in manner and form following (to witt)

Imprimis. I give and bequeath to each of my sons Abraham, Isaac, Thomas, John, Sanders and Benjamin Strattan the sum of Five Shillings apiece and no more to be paid to them and each of them in six months after my decease out of my personal estate by my Executors here in after named.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth Strattan the sum of Five pounds in Gold and Silver coin and my peuter Tankard and Box Iron and Heaters, the same to be paid and delivered to her by my said Executors here in after named in Six months after my decease.

Item. After all my just debts and funeral charges and Expences be paid and discharged by my Executors here in after named Then I give divise and bequeath unto my beloved Wife Mary Strattan and to her Heirs and Assigns for ever All the Rest Residue and Remainder of my Estate both Real and personal of what Nature and kind so ever. And I do hereby Nominate constitute and appoint my said Wife Mary Strattan Executrix and my Friend Lawrence Webster Executor and the Survivor of them executrix and executor of this my last will and Testament and I do hereby Revoke annul and make void all former and other Wills and Testaments by me hereto fore made and do declare this and only this to be my last Will and Testament. In witness thereof I the said Isaac Strattan set my Hand and Seal this

Thirteenth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one.



14. JOSEPH STRATTON [3] (*David,*[2] *Mark* [1]) was born in Evesham, N. J., December 9, 1743.* He married **Naomi Quinn,** daughter of *Benjamin Quinn.*† Their marriage license is dated March 30, 1765. Five years later they moved to Virginia, taking with them a certificate from Evesham monthly meeting to Hopewell monthly meeting.

"Hopewell monthly meeting, Va., 5 mo. 7, 1770. Joseph Stratton produced a certificate from Evesham, N. J., for self, wife Naomi and children Sarah and Joseph."

Here five more children were born unto them. In 1779 Joseph was appointed to take subscriptions for the printing of John Churchman's Journal, at Culpepper monthly meeting. In this year his three children Benjamin, Hannah and Jacob are mentioned on the meeting records. In 1780, by a division of Hopewell, the family became members of Crooked Run monthly meeting.‡

* This date, and many others of this family are from the old family Bible of Joseph and Naomi, now in possession of their great-grandchildren.

† The story is that Benjamin Quinn was kidknapped from Ireland when a schoolboy, brought to America and sold into slavery for a term of years; that he was of wealthy parentage, for when noticed on shipboard, he wore fine linen and silver knee and shoe buckles.

‡ As early as 1730 members of the Society of Friends began to move westward and southwestward along the navigable waterways. About 1732 Alexander Ross obtained from the Governor and Council of Virginia a grant of 100,000 acres of land on Opequan Creek, a tributary to the Potomac River, in Virginia, with the intention of establishing a Quaker settlement. The emigration of Friends began immediately into this region from Maryland, Eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and some parts of New England, especially Nantucket. Meetings were established at Monoquesy, on a river of that name, and at Hopewell in Frederick County, five miles north of Winchester, Va. At first these were under the charge of Nottingham monthly meeting. In 1735 they were organized into Hopewell monthly meeting, under the auspices of Chester quarterly meeting. This monthly meeting embraced all the territory to the west and southwest as far as settlements had been made. Wherever a little company of Friends settled a "meeting" was established,

Six years later, they moved to Campbell County, Va., locating near Lynchburg, where there was a large Society of Friends. Here they became connected with the South River meeting, bringing a certificate from Crooked Run, dated April 29, 1786, for "Joseph Stratton, wife Naomi and seven children, namely, Sarah, Joseph, May, Benjamin, Hannah, Jacob and Joel Stratton."

In the society here, as at Hopewell and Crooked Run, Joseph and Naomi became prominent members. Their names are often on the records of South River and Seneca meetings. Old South River meetinghouse is still standing a few miles out of Lynchburg and is known as the "Old Quaker Church." It is now used, however, by the Presbyterians who, a few years ago, purchased it and restored it from the ruins into which it had fallen. Seneca meetinghouse, near South River, has long since passed away.

Children:—*Born in New Jersey.*

—50 Sarah,[4] living in Campbell Co., Va., unm. in 1793.

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and a meetinghouse built, as at South River, Campbell County, Va. (near the Bedford County line), at Redstone, Fayette County, Pa., Westland, Washington County, Pa., Center and Middletown meetings in Ohio and many others. Of this emigration James Pleasant Bell says: "Their movement was parallel to that of the Scotch-Irish. These two waves passed over the same ground at the same time, but the two did not intermingle, for the gentle and peace-loving Friend, who decried all war, avoided the holding of office, sought not his own, and put his abiding faith in the personal presence of God, free grace and the powers to be, had little in common with the restless, aggressive, fighting, ruling Scotch-Irish, or the democratic but stern tenets of Calvinism."

These meetings were under the care of Hopewell, and a part of Baltimore yearly meeting, until at various dates from 1757 to 1803 they were established as separate monthly meetings, with the right to receive certificates of membership. In 1812 the Ohio yearly meeting was established, embracing Redstone, Westland, Center, Middletown, Miami and other meetings in Ohio. As early, at least, as 1810 monthly meetings were established at White River, Wayne County and Blue River, Washington County, Indiana.

The records of these monthly meetings are a valuable source of information concerning the westward emigration of the families connected with them. A member of any meeting carried with him a dated certificate from the meeting with which he had been connected. This was lodged in the monthly meeting nearest his new home. On the books of these meetings, records were made of certificates given and received.

"Between the lines" of these records may be read many a thrilling story of the journeyings of these gentle Friends, along the "blazed ways," through the almost unbroken wilderness of the new West and of the building of their new homes, with the "red men of the forest" for their nearest neighbors.

+51 Joseph,[4] b. 1769; d. 1831.
Born in Virginia.
−52 Mary,[4] living in 1786.
+53 Benjamin,[4] b. 1773; d. 1851.
−54 Hannah.[4]
+55 Jacob,[4] b. abt. 1780.
+56 Joel,[4] b. before 1786.

There may have been other children, although South River records mention only these seven. In the fall of 1802, Joseph and Naomi, with children Hannah and Joel, left Virginia, taking with them a certificate from South River to Westland.

They settled in Ohio. Their son Jacob and his wife came to Ohio at about the same time, and Joseph and Benjamin soon followed. Later Jacob and Joel moved to Indiana. Of the daughters, Sarah, Mary and Hannah, the compiler has found nothing more.

15. ELIAS STRATTON [3] (*David*,[2] *Mark* [1]) was born in Evesham, N. J. The date of his birth has not been found, nor any record of his marriage. In 1770 he went to Frederick County, Va., and on July 7 of that year was with his brother Joseph at Hopewell monthly meeting, and had with him a certificate from Evesham meeting. A year later, about the time of his father's death, he returned to New Jersey. On the records of Hopewell we find the following: "On the 6th of the 5 mo., 1771, Elias Stratton of Crooked Run monthly meeting, requested a certificate to Evesham, N. J., but at the next meeting it was reported that he was likely to return from that place. A certificate was signed for him at Hopewell 12 mo. 2, 1771 and ordered sent to him." Nothing has been found to show that this certificate was ever deposited in New Jersey and it seems more probable that he returned to Virginia and settled in Frederick County, and perhaps some of the Strattons who appear in that vicinity in the next generation were his children. It is not unlikely that his brother Mark settled in Virginia also, since no mention of him has been found in New Jersey after his father's death in 1771.

From about 1785 to 1815 more than twenty families of Strattons left Virginia and settled in the States to the north and west of the "Old Dominion." Many of them found homes in Pennsyl-

vania and Ohio, some tarried in Kentucky and Tennessee,—their children in most cases moving still farther west. The country was new and sparsely settled. The Allegheny Mountains divided them from their former homes. Their new homes were widely separated, the roads often inaccessible and communication between the different families was infrequent. Little attention was paid to the keeping of family records. It is not strange, then, that knowledge of ancestral lines was lost, or became very indistinct with the passing away of the first generation in the new country. Their descendants to-day, in tracing their connection with the earlier Strattons, must in many cases depend mainly upon tradition and a few incomplete records from old family Bibles. The difficulty is increased by the fact that there were two entirely distinct lines of Strattons in the same part of Virginia,—the New Jersey-Virginia Strattons, and the descendants of Edward Stratton of Bermuda Hundred.

That both lines were early represented in Kentucky and Tennessee is well known. The county records are too incomplete to afford much help, though a thorough search of deeds might give some clews. To which line each early settler belonged can be determined in most cases only by a careful study of all records and traditions found among their descendants. Quite an extensive correspondence with descendants of several different branches has led the compiler to the conclusion that the following, at least, are descendants of Mark Stratton [1] of New Jersey, though *proof* of their parentage is yet lacking:

+III Seth Stratton, b. 1762; came from Frederick Co., Va., to Shelby Co., Ky., abt. 1805.

+ IV William Stratton, moved from Spottsylvania Co., Va., to Trimble Co., Ky., soon after 1795.

+ V Absalom Stratton, came from Va. to Simpson Co., Ky., abt. 1809.

+ VI Caleb Stratton, b. in Va. in 1793, settled in Ohio after 1819.

While the following came from Virginia at about the same time, not enough data has yet been found to connect them with ancestral lines.*

* Their descendants have been quite fully traced, and will be given in Vol. II, before the completion of which it is hoped their ancestry may be determined.

a James Stratton, b. near Lynchburg, Va.; m. **Dicey Russell,** settled in Sumner Co., Tenn., before 1812; was at the Battle of New Orleans.

b Thomas E. Stratton, b. in Va. abt. 1775; settled near Nashville, Tenn., abt. 1805; m. **Elizabeth,** d. of *Willis S.* and *Elizabeth* (*McLaren*) *Swan.*

c William Stratton, b. in Va.; settled in Nashville, coming via N. C.; m. 1st, **Mary Snow;** 2d, **Deliah Balden,** in 1825.

d John Stratton, b. in Va.; m. **Dica Mayo;** settled near Louisville, Ky., before 1810.

e William Stratton, b. in Va. abt. 1789; settled in Logan Co., Ky., abt. 1812.

f William Stratton, b. in Va., Dec. 22, 1779; m. **Rhoda Bennett;** settled in Shelby Co., Ky., abt. 1810.

g Hiram Stratton, b. in Va.; settled in Floyd Co., Ky., before 1811; m. **Hannah Lesley.** (Associated with him, perhaps brothers or cousins, are Harry Stratton, Solomon Stratton, Cornelius Stratton and Tandy Stratton.)

h Robertson Stratton, b. in Va. abt. 1800; settled near Russellville, Ky.; had a cousin John Stratton whose son, Marshall, was an early settler at Carlinville, Ill.

The facts given above were furnished the compiler by descendants of these early Strattons in Kentucky and Tennessee.

Proof is lacking to show the relationship which existed between them, and their connection with Virginia lines. That this proof may yet be found the compiler does not doubt. Clews are being followed up, and county records and deeds searched,—for the results of which it is thought best not longer to delay this volume.

Will not descendants of each branch take pains to collect and contribute any records, or traditions which may help to establish "missing links"?

17. DANIEL STRATTON [3] (*David,*[2] *Mark* [1]) was born in Evesham, December 15, 1750. By trade he was a carpenter and cabinetmaker. He married, first, in New Jersey about 1774. In October, 1779, he was at South River monthly meeting in Virginia, as a "Visiting Friend."

The certificate which he presented these shows that he was then "of Evesham." He moved to Virginia soon after, settling

in Campbell County, near Lynchburg. The South River meeting records contain the birth of six of his children. October 10, 1901, Daniel Stratton, with wife **Shady,** and children Margaret, John, Mary, Daniel and Elias, were given a certificate from South River. This certificate was presented at Westland, January 23, 1802. They settled on the Western Reserve, in Logan County, Ohio, not far from West Liberty.*

A granddaughter, still living (aged 90 years) remembers seeing Daniel Stratton when she was about nine years old. He had come on horseback from West Liberty to Clinton County to visit his son Mahlon.

She remembers him as a tall, slender old gentleman in Quaker dress. He was a man of strong convictions, very decided in his ideas of right and wrong. He had lived for twenty-two years in Virginia and left there on account of his intense dislike of the institution of slavery. He died January 14, 1836, aged 85 years and 19 days.†

Children:—*Probably born at Evesham, N. J.*

+57 Mahlon,[4] b. 1775; d. 1860.

−58 Amy,[4] m. **Nathan Brown** in Ohio, Dec. 18, 1806.

Births recorded at South River, Va.

−59 David,[4] b. June 6, 1782; m. **Mary Garwood,** Mar. 12, 1807.

+60 John,[4] b. 1784; m. **Esther Garwood,** Oct. 15, 1807.

−61 Margaret,[4] b. Aug. 11, 1787; m. **David Oglesby;** lived at Paintersville, O.

−62 Mary,[4] b. Feb. 6, 1793; m. **Thomas Garwood,** Mar. 20, 1809.

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* In 1787 the famous ordinance for governing the territory northwest of the Ohio contained a stipulation that "religion, morality and knowledge being necessary to good government, schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged, and hereafter, forever, there shall be neither slavery nor involuntary servitude in this territory except as a punishment for crime." It was this ordinance that encouraged so many Quakers to leave Virginia for the Western Reserve.

† Daniel married more than once. Family traditional records differ concerning his wives' names and dates of marriage. One record says that he married first, Shady Grubb, second, Sophia Bryan, third, Nancy Hull (née Garfield). Another that his first wife was Mary, the mother of the two eldest children, and that Shady was the mother of all the other children, that she died soon after the family came to Ohio. It is quite certain, at any rate, that Shady was the mother of the six younger children.

−63 Daniel,[4] b. Mar. 9, 1797.
+64 Elias,[4] b. 1798.

These Stratton-Garwood marriages are recorded on the Hopewell monthly meeting records. Ohio yearly meeting, it will be remembered, was not organized until 1812.

19. JOSHUA STRATTON[3] (*Daniel*,[2] *Mark*[1]) was born in Evesham, Burlington County, N. J., November 28, 1739. He married **Elizabeth Brannin** in May, 1761; daughter of *Michael* and *Elizabeth* (*Norcross*) *Brannin*. Michael Brannin was son of *Francis* and *Bridget Brannin*, and Elizabeth was a daughter of *John* and *Mary Norcross*. After Joshua's marriage he lived for a while in the eastern part of New Jersey at Great Egg Harbor, but returned to Evesham and was living there in 1796. He was connected with Haddenfield monthly meeting. In 1810 he moved from New Jersey to Ohio, with his sons Michael and Stacy and their families, and his daughter Elizabeth. They settled at Salem, in Columbiana County, where their son Aaron Stratton had settled three years earlier.

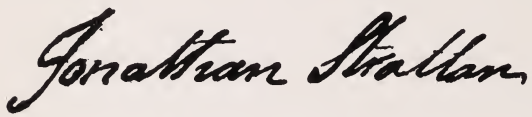
Children:—*Born in New Jersey.*

−65 Lydia,[4] b. Jan. 9, 1762; m. **Samuel Warwick, Jr.**, and died before 1796.
−66 Phoebe,[4] b. Feb. 12, 1763.
+67 Aaron,[4] b. 1764; d. 1821.
+68 Michael,[4] b. 1766; d. 1858.
−69 Anne,[4] b. Feb. 19, 1768; m. **Thomas Johnson.**
−70 Asa,[4] b. Nov. 16, 1769.
−71 Daniel,[4] b. Jan. 29, 1771; d. 1803; administrator, Michael Stratton; Sureties, Marmaduke and Henry Smith; inventory of estate made by Nathaniel Buzby and John Stratton, value $654.14. No wife or children mentioned.
−72 Mary,[4] b. Dec. 21, 1772.
+73 Stacy,[4] b. 1774; d. 1835.
−74 Elizabeth,[4] b. Sept. 21, 1776; m. **James Langstaff;** lived in Ohio.
−75 John,[4] b. Nov. 18, 1778.

It will be noticed that Asa and John are not named in their grandfather's will. It is thought that they died, without issue,

before 1796. No record of Mary has been found; the rest of the family settled in Ohio.

20. Jonathan Stratton [3] (*Daniel,*[2] *Mark* [1]) was born June 9, 1741, married **Sarah Owen,** daughter of *Rowland* and *Prudence Owen* of Welch ancestry. Their home was the old Stratton homestead given to Jonathan by his father's will. He died September 8, 1805.



Children:

+76 Job,[4] b. 1765.
+77 Owen,[4] b. 1769; d. 1843.
−78 Noah,[4] b. 1770; living in Philadelphia in 1813.
+79 Eli,[4] b. 1772; d. 1838.
−80 Prudence,[4] b. 1778.
−81 Caleb,[4] b. 1781.
−82 William,[4] b. 1783.
−83 Naomi,[4] b. 1786.

This (81) may be the Caleb Stratton who settled near Bellbrook, Ohio, where he was a silversmith. Of William and Noah nothing more has been found. As Owen, Prudence and Naomi are the only ones mentioned in their grandfather's will, it is thought all the others had left Evesham before 1796?

22. Amos Stratton [3] (*Daniel* [2] *Mark* [1]) was the third son of Daniel. He was born about 1743. No record of his marriage or of his death has been found, but in 1796 he was married and living on a farm of fifty-four acres in Burlington County,—land which was given him by his father. He was one of the executors of his father's will.

Children:

−84 Hannah,[4]
−85 Rachel,[4]

These two children are named in their grandfather's will in 1796, of which Amos was one of the executors. Nothing more is known of the family.

24. DAVID STRATTON[3] (*Daniel,*[2] *Mark*[1]) married **Rebecca Owen,** daughter of *Rowland* and *Prudence* (*Powell*) *Owen.* Rowland was son of *Joshua Owen,* the emigrant from Wales. David Stratton died in 1784, leaving eight children. His widow died in December, 1795, leaving a will in which all the children are named.

Children:

+86 John,[4] b. 1773; d. 1857.
−87 Joseph,[4] b. 1775.
−88 Martha,[4] m. **Wm. Cowperthwaite.**
−89 Heptha,[4] m. **Joseph Prichard.**
−90 Ann,[4] m. **Samuel Bassett.**
−91 Rebecca,[4] m. **John Rogers.**
−92 Sarah,[4] m. **Moses Lippincott.**
−93 Beulah,[4] unmarried in 1795.

These daughters were prominent members of the society of Friends. Martha was known to a large circle of acquaintances in New Jersey as "Grandmother Cowperthwaite." It is from the record left by her that we learn of the burial of Mark Stratton.[1]

26. EPHRAIM STRATTON[3] (*John,*[2] *Mark*[1]) was born at Medford, N. J., April, 1747. He married **Margaret Minion,** daughter of *Stephen Minion,* September 15, 1773. She died August 15–24, 1780. Two years later he married **Rachel Shinn,** daughter of *John* and *Lydia* (*Carter*) *Shinn.* She died in 1798. In 1802 he married **Hannah Palmer,** daughter of *Jonathan* and *Ann Palmer.* He died in 1827. The old residence of Ephraim Stratton is still standing. It is near the village of Cross Keys, south of Medford. It was built about 1795.



Children:—*Born in Medford.*

By first marriage.

+94 Ruben,[4] b. 1776; d. 1864.
−95 John,[4] b. Apr. 26, 1777.
−96 Alice,[4] b. June 26, 1779; m. **Edward Bolton,** son of *Reuben Bolton.*

By second marriage.

−97 Lydia,[4] b. Aug. 20, 1786; m. **John R. Sleeper.**

31. Enoch Stratton [3] (*John,*[2] *Mark* [1]) was born January 3, 1762. He married **Hannah Brannin,** April 11, 1792, at Upper Evesham monthly meeting. She was born January 9, 1761, and died November 10, 1829. She was a daughter of *John* and *Jane* (*Moore*) *Brannin.* Enoch and Hannah lived near Medford, and their farm was probably a part of the original Stratton estate. The house built by Enoch is still standing, on land adjoining the old home of his brother Ephraim, built about the same time.

To this house Enoch took his bride in 1792. Here all his children were born, and here he died, August 18, 1826, and Hannah two years later.

Children:

−98 Dorothy,[4] b. Jan. 28, 1793; m. March 26, 1816, **Daniel Zelley,** son of Daniel and Bathshuba (Braddock) Zelley, who was born May 14, 1791.*

−99 Abi,[4] b. Dec. 16, 1794; d. Apr. 26, 1859, unmarried.

+100 John,[4] b. 1796; d. 1839.

−101 Achsah,[4] b. Dec. 20, 1798; m. Mar. 17, 1899, **Samuel Reeves,** son of Joseph and Martha (Carpenter) Reeves.

+102 Enoch,[4] b. 1801; d. 1804.

−103 William,[4] b. Sept. 28, 1804; d. Aug. 10, 1827, unmarried.

34. Isaiah Stratton [3] (*Enoch,*[2] *Mark* [1]) was born April 23, 1748, married **Mary** ———. His will, dated December 22, 1781, gives to his wife the homestead, and to his son Gideon all other lands; to daughters Elizabeth and Hope, £10 each.

Executors to this will are his wife Mary, and friend Job Collins; witnesses, Hope Stratton, Enoch and Isaac Evans. It was probated January 7, 1782. He died December 26, 1781, aged 33 years.

Children:

+104 Gideon,[4] b. 1776.

−105 Elizabeth,[4]

−106 Hope,[4] m. **Abraham Reeves,** Jan. 13, 1803; she d. July 3, 1819, and he m. 2d, **Mary Matlock.**

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* Enoch [3] wrote his name "Strattan" as do many of his descendants.

The second son of Dorothy and Daniel was Daniel Stratton Zelley. He married Sarah B. Ashead, daughter of Amos and Sarah (Butcher) Ashead. They had four sons, the second of whom was William Henry Zelley, who has kindly furnished the compiler many records on this line of Strattons.



On the stone road, going from Medford to Cross Keys, looking south toward the original Mark Stratton estate.

On the right is the John Stratton house (100, *chart M*). Between this house and the barn the Enoch Stratton house appears in the distance. (*Page* 276.) At the left is the homestead of Daniel and Dorothy Stratton Zelley (98, *chart M*), while the small white spot, in the distance, near the center of the picture, shows the position of the old Ephraim Stratton home. (*Page* 275.)

These are the only children named in the will. They were probably born in Evesham Township, as Isaiah was "of Evesham" at the date of his will.

36. JOSIAH STRATTON [3] (*Enoch,*[2] *Mark* [1]) was born in Evesham, N. J., June 18, 1752. He married **Mary Davidson,** daughter of *William Davidson* and *Tacy,* his wife.

Mary was born September 22, 1749, and died March 3, 1809. They lived in Woolwich Township, Gloucester County, N. J. In his will dated January 8, 1789, he refers to himself as "a cordwainer." The will gives to his wife about one-third of the estate and divides the remainder equally among the children "when they come of age." He was a farmer, as well as a cordwainer, and was a member of the Society of Friends. January 28, twenty days after the making of his will, "Josiah Stratton departed this life, at his dwelling-house in Woolwich Township." He was interred in the Friends' burying ground at Upper Evesham, January 30, 1789. The will was proved the following June.

Children:

+107 Isaiah,[4] b. 1782; d. 1816.
−108 Bethuel.[4]
+109 Josiah.[4]
−110 William.[4]
−111 Elias.[4]

These five children are mentioned in the father's will. Information is wanted concerning the younger sons, William and Elias.

45. THOMAS STRATTON [3] (*Isaac,*[2] *Mark* [1]) was born November 15, 1755, and on February 23, 1777, he married **Sarah Matlock** in Evesham. She was the daughter of *Joshua Matlock* and was born October 10, 1756.

Children:

−112 Jacob,[4] b. Sept. 6, 1778.
−113 Ebenezer,[4] b. Dec. 18, 1780; d. young.
−114 Allen,[4] b. Dec. 7, 1782.
−115 Elizabeth,[4] b. Oct. 8, 1786.
+116 Bradford,[4] b. 1789 ———.
−117 George,[4] b. May 9, 1793.
−118 Ebenezer,[4] b. Nov. 29, 1794.
−119 Charles,[4] b. Jan. 18, 1797.

Allen, George and Ebenezer were evidently living in Philadelphia, 1810 to 1820, as these names occur in the city directories of those dates. Later information of them, and of their brothers, Jacob and Charles, is desired.

51. Joseph Stratton [4] (*Joseph,*[3] *David,*[2] *Mark* [1]) was born in Evesham, February 6, 1769. He was but two years old when his father moved to Virginia (Frederick County) and but fifteen when the family settled in Campbell County, Va. Here he lived until he was forty-three years of age.

He was a man of energy and enterprise and early made a place for himself. He owned a mill and a farm. Like all other Friends, he was strongly opposed to slavery. December 9, 1792, he married **Theodocia Moorman,** daughter of *Micajah* and *Susannah Moorman,* of Campbell County, "a woman of strong force of character and devoutly religious." *

In 1809, Joseph and Dosha (as in most of the records her name is written) left Virginia with their six children and went to Clinton County, Ohio, where he had taken a quarter section of land. Their home was on Lytles Creek, about nine miles west of Wilmington. Dosha died October 25, 1823. Five years later, April 15, 1828, Joseph married **Rebecca (Kinley) Harvey,** widow of Samuel Harvey and daughter of *Edward* and *Margaret* (*Waymise*) *Kinley.* To this second marriage two children were born. Joseph died February 7, 1831, aged 62 years, respected and honored by all who knew him. Both he and Dosha are buried in the old burial ground at Lytte church.

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* The Moormans were among the first settlers of Lynchburg. There was an early marriage between the Moorman and Lynch families. This marriage certificate of Joseph and Theodocia was signed by 29 witnesses, among them are the names Stratton, Moorman, Johnson, Bloxsour, Greeg, Schofield and Betts. In addition to these names the following appear as witnesses to the marriage of Mahlon Stratton and Sarah Moorman: Hunnicut, Stanton, Burgess and Via. Other names occurring often as witnesses to marriages in the old Seneca and South River meetings are Crew, Macey, Fisher, Terrell, Pleasant, Butler, Kirby, Holloway, Hanna, Paxon, Pidgeon, Daugherty, Coffin, Preston, Liggett, Schooly and Russell. Certificates of removal show that people of these names settled in Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana, coming from Virginia about the beginning of the nineteenth century.

Children:—*Born in Campbell Co., Va.*

By first marriage.

+120 David,[5] b. 1793; d. 1867. See *Vol. II.*

−121 Susannah,[5] b. Nov. 2, 1795; m. first, **Thomas Thatcher,** and, second, **William Hadley;** d. Aug. 18, 1880.

−122 Nancy,[5] b. Nov. 16, 1797; m. **Joshua Moore** in 1816; d. in Dec., 1881.

+123 Joseph P.,[5] b. 1800; d. 1879. See *Vol. II.*

+124 Micajah,[5] b. 1802; d. 1857. See *Vol. II.*

−125 Esther,[5] b. Feb. 4, 1804; m. **John Pyle,** Feb. 4, 1820. *Born in Clinton Co., O.*

+126 Benjamin,[5] b. 1812; d. 1897. See *Vol. II.*

By second marriage.

−127 Rebecca,[5] b. 1829.

+128 Edward Kinley,[5] b. 1831. See *Vol. II.*

53. BENJAMIN STRATTON [4] (*Joseph* [3] *David* [2] *Mark* [1]) was born April 17, 1773 near Winchester in Virginia. In 1786 he came with his father's family to Campbell County, Va.

He married **Amy Curl,** daughter of *Joseph* and *Rebecca Curl,* in South River meetinghouse, January 29, 1796. She was born in 1777. They lived in Virginia about six years after their marriage and their children were born to them there.

At a monthly meeting held at Redstone, Fayette County, Pa., April 12, 1802, this record was made: "Benjamin Stratton produced a certificate for himself, wife Amy and children Rebecca, Naomi and Levi, from South River, Va., dated October 10, 1801, and indorsed at Westland, Washington County, Penn., March 10, 1802."

Two years later he requested a certificate for himself, wife and children from Redstone to Middletown monthly meeting. This was signed for him November 30, 1804. Later he removed to Henry County, Ind., where he died March 2, 1851. He was a farmer and blacksmith.

Amy died July 7, 1866.

Children:

−129 Rebecca,[5] b. Dec. 24, 1797; m. **Caleb Cope,** Nov. 13, 1818.

−130 Naomi,[5] b. July 28, 1798; m. **Isaac James;** d. 1849.

+131 Levi,[5] b. 1800; d. 1889. See *Vol. II.*

+132 Ephraim,[5] b. 1804. See *Vol. II.*
+133 Benjamin,[5] b. 1806. See *Vol. II.*
−134 Jerusha,[5] b. June 1–22, 1808; m. **Thomas Ball;** d. in Straughus, Ind., July 23, 1837.
−135 Martha,[5] b. Oct. 17, 1810; m. **John Stewart,** Aug. 29, 1828; d. Oct. 8, 1885.
−136 Mary,[5] b. Oct. 17, 1812; m. **Isaac Parker,** May 30, 1831.
+137 Joseph,[5] b. 1815; d. 1884. See *Vol. II.*
−138 Samuel,[5] b. Sept. 1, 1817; d. unmarried in 1834.
−139 Luma,[5] b. Mar. 23, 1820; m. **Robert Hall,** Oct. 2, 1839; d. Sept. 8, 1841.

55. Jacob Stratton[4] (*Joseph,*[3] *David,*[2] *Mark*[1]) came to Campbell County, Va., with his father in 1786. He was probably born in Frederick County, Va.

He married **Rebecca Curl,** (daughter of *Joseph Curl*), whose sister Amy his brother Benjamin had married. They were married in Seneca meetinghouse November 12, 1800. To this marriage certificate are the signatures of twenty-two witnesses, among whom are Hannah Stratton, Amy Stratton, Daniel Stratton, Dosha Stratton, Shady Stratton, Joel Stratton and Benjamin Stratton. Two years later Jacob and Rebecca left Virginia.

Westland (Pa.) monthly meeting records contain this entry: "Jacob Stratton, with wife Rebecca, with certificate from South River dated 9 mo. 11, 1802, received at Westland 1 mo. 24, 1803, by way of Middletown."

Children:

−140 Joel,[5] b. Oct. 13, 1801.
−141 Hannah,[5] b. Sept. 29, 1803.
−142 Anna,[5] b. Nov. 19, 1805.
−143 Mark,[5] b. Nov. 21, 1807.
−144 Sarah,[5] b. Jan. 5, 1810.

There were other children than those recorded here. Their names and other information concerning this family is wanted.

56. Joel Stratton[4] (*Joseph,*[3] *David,*[2] *Mark*[1]) was born in Virginia about 1783, and came to Ohio with his father's family in 1802. He married, September 5, 1811, **Rebecca Reed,** daughter of *Robert* and *Rebecca Reed.*

From Ohio they moved to Indiana, after which the compiler has not been able to trace them. Information concerning them is desired.

57. MAHLON STRATTON[4] (*Daniel,*[3] *David,*[2] *Mark*[1]) was born July 1, 1775, in New Jersey, probably in Evesham Township, and moved, while yet a little child, with his father's family to Campbell County, Va. Here he was connected with the South River monthly meeting of which he became a prominent member. He was a farmer, and worked also at the carpenter's trade. October 17, 1898, he married **Sarah Moorman,** daughter of *Micajah* and *Susannah Moorman.* In the fall of 1809 they removed to Ohio.

"10 mo. 14, 1809, Mahlon Stratton, Sarah his wife and five children, Levi, David, Susannah, Mary and Mahlon were given a certificate from South River to Center monthly meeting." This certificate was presented at Center monthly meeting about five months later. They lived for about ten years in Green County and then moved to Clinton County, settling on Lytle Creek, near where his cousin, Joseph Stratton, had settled a few years before, and whose wife was a sister of Sarah Moorman Stratton.

Of Mahlon Stratton, a granddaughter, who remembers him well, writes the compiler: "He was a wonderful man in many respects. Coming to Ohio when the county was new and heavily timbered, with Indians and wild animals a plenty, he built a comfortable house for his family, doing all the work, with his own hands,—felling the trees, hewing the logs and making the shingles; even making the bricks for the chimneys and building the large fireplace. He made all the furniture,—chairs, tables, bedsteads, bureaus,—having been taught the cabinetmaker's trade by his father in Virginia. This home, with its orchard and flower garden, soon became noted for its hospitable cheerfulness. The Indians ever found in him, and his gifted wife, wise councilors and friends and none were ever turned cold or hungry from his door. He gave the land for a meetinghouse, gave much of the timber and helped to build the house. His wife, Sarah, was of a poetic nature and her descendants preserve several poems which she composed while working among her flowers, or about her household duties."

Mahlon died April 12, 1860, and Sarah, February 6, 1863. Both are buried in the little graveyard which he gave to the Quakers.

Children:—*Born in Campbell Co., Va.*

+145 Levi,[5] b. 1799; d. 1894. See *Vol. II.*
+146 David,[5] b. 1801. See *Vol. II.*
−147 Susannah,[5] b. 1803; d. at the age of eight years.
−148 Micajah,[5] b. 1805; d. aged nine months.
−149 Mary,[5] b. 1807; m. **Robert Dawson.**
+150 Mahlon,[5] b. 1809. See *Vol. II.*

Born in Ohio.

−151 Sarah,[5] b. 1812; m. **Joel Hays.**
−152 Rachel,[5] b. 1815; m. **Manson Moorman.**
−153 Elizabeth,[5] b. 1817; unmarried; living in 1907.
−154 Esther,[6] b. 1819; d. unmarried.
−155 Susan,[6] b. 1822; m. **Samuel P. Rayburn.**

60. John Stratton[4] (*Daniel,*[3] *David,*[2] *Mark*[1]) was born in Campbell County, Va., December 16, 1784, and came to Ohio in 1802. He married **Esther Garwood,** October 15, 1807, sister of Mary and Thomas Garwood, and daughter of *Isaiah* and *Mary Garwood* of Hopewell, Va. They lived in Fairfield Township, Columbiana Co., where John died about 1825. He was a farmer and carpenter.*

Children:—*Born in Fairfield Township, Columbiana Co., Ohio.*

−156 Amy,[5] b. Dec. 14, 1809.
−157 Ruth,[5] b. Apr. 24, 1812.
−158 Sabina,[5] b. June 16, 1814; d. Nov. 26, 1827.
+159 David,[5] b. June 28, 1816. See *Vol. II.*
−160 Levi,[5] b. Sept. 10, 1819; d. Nov. 24, 1827.
−161 Isaiah,[5] b. Mar. 14, 1822; d. Jan. 12, 1827.
−162 John,[5] b. 1824; d. Nov. 24, 1827.
−163 Mary,[5] b. Aug. 26, 1827.

64. Elias Stratton[4] (*Daniel,*[3] *David,*[2] *Mark*[1]) was born in

* This record is given by a grandson of John.[4] John may have lived just across the Columbiana County line, in Beaver County, Pa., where a will of a John Stratton was filed on November 24, 1840. He left his personal and real estate to his wife Esther, who was his executor, and names no children. The witnesses were Moses Welch and John R. Braden.

Virginia, June 2, 1798, and came with his parents to Ohio when he was four years old. He married **Mary Ingledew,** August 31, 1820. This marriage is recorded on the Hopewell records. He was a farmer and lived in Logan County, and later in Union County, Ohio. He died at Big Spring, Ohio, in March, 1867.

Children:—*Born in Union County, Ohio.*

−164 Shady S.,[5] b. June 16, 1821; m. **Joseph Gloscock.**

−165 Elmira G.,[5] b. Oct. 22, 1822; m. 1st, **Wm. Stillwell,** 2d, **Frank Patterson,** 3d, **Jonathan Henry;** d. in the West.

−166 Mary M.,[5] b. Aug. 3, 1824; m. 1st, **Wm. T. Campbell,** 2d, **Solomon Dayton;** d. in Plattsburg, Ohio, 1888.

+167 William I.,[5] b. 1826; d. 1883. See *Vol. II.*

−168 Rebecca A.,[5] b. May 27, 1829; m. **Jacob Evans;** d. in Ohio.

+169 Daniel M.,[5] b. 1833. See *Vol. II.*

−170 Lucinda F.,[5] b. May 27, 1842; m. 1st, **Valentine Wilson,** 1860, 2d, **Henry Devault.**

+171 Elias J. Hamilton,[5] b. 1844. See *Vol. II.*

−172 Mary Sophia,[5] b. Oct. 20, 1848; m. **Wm. Bennett.**

67. AARON STRATTON[4] (*Joshua,*[3] *Daniel,*[2] *Mark*[1]) was born September 16, 1764. He lived from 1796 to 1806 at Great Egg Harbor, in the eastern part of Burlington County,—the part that later became Atlantic County. He was a millwright and built a mill at Egg Harbor. He married **Jerusha Smith.**

In 1797–98 he made a trip to Pennsylvania and Ohio, and January 6, 1798, was at Redstone monthly meeting "a visiting minister in good esteem," having with him a certificate from the monthly meeting of Egg Harbor and Cape May, N. J., dated October 4, 1797. Eight years later, in the fall of 1806, he removed with his family to Salem, Ohio, where he died in 1821.* He was a lifelong member of the Society of Friends, and held in high esteem by all who knew him.

Children:—*Born at Great Egg Harbor, N. J.*

−173 Evi,[6] b. 1796; d. 1841, in Salem, Ohio.

+174 Aaron,[5] b. 1799; d. 1871. See *Vol. II.*

* The first settlement at Salem was in 1801.

68. Michael Stratton [4] (*Joshua,*[3] *Daniel,*[2] *Mark* [1]) was born January 6, 1766; married **Rhoda Alton** in 1788, and lived near Haddenfield, in Gloucester County (now Camden County), N. J., until the spring of 1810, when he moved with his family of eleven children to Salem, Ohio. He was a "school master of ye olden time," and a man well known and greatly respected in the community, a consistent and lifelong Friend. He lived to see all his children married and settled in homes of their own, dying at the age of 92 years.

Children:—*Born in Gloucester County, N. J.*

+175 Josiah,[5] b. 1788; d. 1846. See *Vol. II.*
+176 Charles,[5] b. 1790; d. 1852. See *Vol. II.*
+177 Joseph,[5] b. 1792; d. 1843. See *Vol. II.*
−178 Ann,[5] b. 1793; d. aged two years.
−179 Ross,[5] b. Feb. 25, 1795; d. aged five months.
+180 Joshua,[5] b. 1798; d. 1826. See *Vol. II.*
+181 Daniel,[5] b. 1799; d. 1872. See *Vol. II.*
−182 Elizabeth,[4] b. Jan. 10, 1800; d. June 7, 1866; m. **Barton Dean,** 1840.
+183 Aaron,[5] b. 1801; d. 1885. See *Vol. II.*
−184 Mary,[5] b. 1805; d. Oct. 23, 1874; m. **Jacob Barber.**
−185 Abigail,[5] b. 1807; d. Dec. 18, 1846; m. **Jonathan Reed.**
−186 Michael,[5] b. Sept. 13, 1808; d. unmarried, Feb. 1, 1843.
+187 George,[5] b. 1809; d. 1834. See *Vol. II.*

73. Stacy Stratton [4] (*Joshua,*[3] *Daniel,*[2] *Mark* [1]) was born in New Jersey, September 13, 1774, married **Hannah Lippincott** about 1795, and lived near Haddenfield, N. J., until May, 1810, when he came with others of his father's family to Ohio, where his brother Aaron had located three years earlier. Here he lived twenty-five years, dying in 1835. He lived on a farm about six miles from Salem, and was prosperous in his vocation as a farmer, and was one of the solid, reliable men of the community. His old farmhouse is still standing. He was raised in the Quaker church, but lost his birthright in the society by marrying outside of it.

Children:—*Born in New Jersey.*

−188 Elizabeth,[5] b. Sept. 12, 1796; m. **Daniel Dole;** d. 1890.
−189 Samuel,[5] b. Nov. 24, 1798; d. unmarried.



Owen Stratton House

South of Medford, on the road leading off to the left from "Landing Bridge." Built about 1795. (*Page* 285.)

−190 Lydia Ann,[5] b. Apr. 29, 1801; d. July 9, 1884; m. **Joshua Owen.**
−191 Rhoda,[5] b. Mar. 62, 1803; d. 1845; m. **Richard Dole.**
+192 Daniel S.,[5] b. 1804; d. 1884. See *Vol. II.*
−193 Hannah,[5] b. May 19, 1807; d. unmarried, 1846.
−194 Esther,[5] b. Sept. 28, 1809; d. Mar. 28, 1856; m. **John Gauntz,** Oct. 27, 1836.
Born in Ohio.
+195 Stacy L.,[5] b. 1811; d. 1891. See *Vol. II.*
+196 William C.,[5] b. 1813; d. 1875. See *Vol. II.*
−197 Ruth,[5] b. Aug. 22, 1817; m. **Henry Owen.**

76. JOB STRATTON[4] (*Jonathan,*[3] *Daniel,*[2] *Mark*[1]) was born in Evesham Township in 1765. He married **Lettice** ———, about 1805. About 1820 they moved to Warren County, Ohio, and settled on a farm, where both died while their children were yet young.

Children:—*Born in New Jersey.*
−198 Sarah,[5] b. Jan. 1, 1806; m. 1st, **Curtis Mills,** 2d, **Clark Willcutts;** d. in Marion, Ind.
+199 Simri,[5] b. 1807; d. 1873. See *Vol. II.*
−200 Abigail,[5] b. Nov. 18, 1813; m. 1st, **Wm. Edgerton,** 2d, **Richard Hubbard;** d. in Milton, Ind.
−201 Joseph,[5] d. in Piqua, Ohio.
−202 Lettie,[5] d. in Marion, Ind.

77. OWEN STRATTON[4] (*Jonathan,*[3] *Daniel,*[2] *Mark*[1]) was born May 16, 1769. He married, first, **Hope (Brannin)** Shinn (a widow with two daughters, Esther and Mary Shinn), and, second, **Mary Haines,** daughter of *Isaac* and *Mary (Watkins) Haines.* He was a farmer and lived on a farm near Medford, afterwards occupied by his son Charles. The old farmhouse is still standing.

Later in life he moved into Medford, to a home near the meeting-house, where both he and Mary died. His death occurred September 30, 1843. Mary died May 1, 1844.

Children:—*Born near Medford, N. J.*
By first marriage.
−203 Keziah,[5] b. Oct. 17, 1793; m. **Thomas Prouch;** d. May 12, 1858.
−204 Ann,[5] b. 1795; m. **Thomas Reeves.**

By second marriage.

−205 Rebecca,[5] b. May 15, 1809; m. **Joseph E. Troth;** d. Oct. 22, 1901.

+206 Charles,[5] b. 1811; d. 1880. See *Vol. II.*

−207 Sarah,[5] b. Apr. 19, 1814; m. **Isaac Collins;** d. Dec. 25, 1900.

−208 Hope,[5] b. Sept. 17, 1816; m. **Samuel Wills;** d. Dec. 7, 1846.

−209 Martha A.,[5] b. 1818; d. unmarried, Feb. 9, 1893.

79. Eli Stratton[4] (*Jonathan,*[3] *Daniel,*[2] *Mark*[1]) was born in New Jersey, December 20, 1772. He married **Eunice Dallas,** daughter of *William* and *Rebecca Dallas,* October 23, 1799. She was born October 7, 1771. About 1822 they moved from Salem, N. J., to Preble County, Ohio, and later settled in Indiana. He died near Spiceland, Henry County, Ind., August 17, 1838. Eunice died February 16, 1859. Both were members of the Society of Friends.

Children:—*Born in New Jersey.*

−210 Sarah Clark,[5] b. May 24, 1801; m. **Thomas S. Teas,** Nov. 10, 1825.

+211 Jonathan Dallas,[5] b. 1804; d. 1879. See *Vol. II.*

+212 William L.,[5] b. 1808; d. 1885. See *Vol. II.*

+213 Joseph E.,[5] b. 1811; d. 1878. See *Vol. II.*

−214 Anthony,[5] b. Mar. 10, 1814; d. Apr. 4, 1814.

86. John Stratton[4] (*David,*[3] *Daniel,*[2] *Mark*[1]) was born in Burlington County, N. J., September 23, 1773. May 14, 1806, he married **Sarah Reeves,** who died the following year. Two years later, January 31, 1809, he married **Elizabeth Shough.** He lived on a farm near Medford, until about 1820, when he emigrated to Clarion County, Pa. Here he bought land and built a home. He was one of the first settlers, and the town of Strattonville was named for him. He died March 26, 1857. He was raised a Quaker, but married outside of the society and at Strattonville was connected with the Methodist church.

Children:—*Born near Medford, N. J.*

By first marriage.

+215 John Reeves,[5] b. 1807; d. 1851. See *Vol. II.*

By second marriage.

−216 Theopilus,[5] b. 1809; d. 1810, in New Jersey.
−217 Ann,[5] b. 1811; d. 1811.
+218 Joseph Shough,[5] b. 1814. See *Vol. II.*
This family write their name Strattan.

87. JOSEPH STRATTON[4] (*David,*[3] *Daniel,*[2] *Mark*[1]) was born August 21, 1775, near Medford, N. J. He married **Ann Antrim** about 1799, and moved to Ohio, where he died about 1810. His widow, Ann Stratton, married John Cope, in 1814, and moved to Centerville, Wayne County, Ind.

Children:
+219 Daniel,[5] b. Sept. 25, 1800. See *Vol. II.*
+220 John,[5] b. Mar. 1, 1803. See *Vol. II.*
−221 Sarah,[5] b. Apr. 8, 1805; d. unm.
−222 Rebecca,[5] b. Apr. 4, 1807; m. **Jesse Neil.**
+223 Owen,[5] b. Nov. 11, 1809. See *Vol. II.*

94. REUBEN STRATTON[4] (*Ephraim*[3] *John*[2] *Mark*[1]) was born January 29, 1776, in Medford, N. J. He married **Rebecca Barrett** and lived in Medford and Moorstown. His death occurred in August, 1864.

Children:
+224 Elwood,[5] d. 1881. See *Vol. II.*
+225 Samuel.[5] See *Vol. II.*
+226 Reuben.[5] See *Vol. II.*
−227 Charles.[5]
−228 Joseph,[5] died at sea, unmarried.
+229 Richard.[5] See *Vol. II.*
−230 Elizabeth,[5] m. **Edward Dougherty.**
−231 Rebecca,[5] m. **Charles Van Winkle,** son of Walter and Phebe Van Winkle of Philadelphia.

100. JOHN STRATTON[4] (*Enoch,*[3] *John,*[2] *Mark*[1]) was born in Medford, October 6, 1796. February 23, 1823, he married **Mary Sloan Branson,** daughter of *James* and *Rebecca* (*Bishop*) *Branson.* She was born November 3, 1797, and died February 22, 1879.

Children:
−232 Hannah A.,[5] b. Dec. 12, 1824; m. **Charles T. Peacock,** Feb. 3, 1845; d. Jan. 31, 1887.

+233 Enoch B.,[5] b. 1826; d. 1896. See *Vol. II.*
−234 Rachel Ann,[5] b. Jan. 10, 1827; d. June 20, 1843; unmarried.
+235 William,[5] b. 1830. See *Vol. II.*
−236 Rebecca J.,[5] b. Jan. 11, 1833; d. March 30, 1896; unmarried.
+237 Theodore,[5] b. 1835. See *Vol. II.*
+238 James Leander,[5] b. 1837. See *Vol. II.*

102. Enoch Stratton[4] (*Enoch,*[3] *John,*[2] *Mark*[1]) was born September 16, 1801, and married **Amy Thorn,** of Bordentown, N. J., November 5, 1828. After their marriage they went to Philadelphia where Enoch engaged in brickmaking, and did some business in the hardware line. In 1848 they went to New York, where, for nearly thirty years, he was a successful contractor and builder. In 1874 they moved to Altoona, Pa., and made their home for the remainder of their lives with their son George. Enoch died September 25, 1882, and Amy ten years later.

Children:—*Born in Philadelphia.*

−239 Isabella Morgan,[5] b. Apr. 24, 1831; m. **Joseph T. McDowell,** May 6, 1852; d. Aug. 26, 1872.
−240 Mary Anna,[5] b. May 9, 1833; m. **Edward Scantlebury,** Oct. 14, 1854.
+241 George Wooley,[5] b. 1836. See *Vol. II.*
−242 Virginia Thorn,[5] b. Mar. 20, 1838; m. **George Billin,** June 8, 1859.
−243 Emily Longstieth,[5] b. Nov. 21, 1841; m. **William Hill,** Oct. 1, 1863.
+244 William Irvine,[5] b. 1845. See *Vol. II.*
Born in New York.
+245 Edward Rudolph,[5] b. 1850. See *Vol. II.*

104. Gideon Stratton[4] (*Isaiah,*[3] *Enoch,*[2] *Mark*[1]) was born in Woodlyn, N. J., May 25, 1776, and married **Sarah Gaskill** about 1802. They lived and died in Mount Holly, N. J.

Children:—*Born in Mount Holly.*

+246 Isaiah,[5] b. 1803; d. 1851. See *Vol. II.*
+247 Benjamin,[5] b. 1805; d. 1883. See *Vol. II.*
+248 Charles,[5] b. 1807. See *Vol. II.*

−249 Israel,[5] b. Aug. 30, 1809.
−251 Hannah,[5] b. 1813.
−251 Mary L.,[5] b. 1818.

The birth records of this family are from the old family Bible of Gideon Stratton, in the possession of a grandson in Philadelphia. Data of the family of Israel Stratton [5] is wanted.

107. ISAIAH STRATTON [4] (*Josiah,*[3] *Enoch,*[2] *Mark* [1]) was born in Salem, N. J., October 25, 1782. He married **Anna Green,** December 29, 1804, a daughter of *Nathaniel* and *Elizabeth* (*Huddy*) *Green,* and granddaughter of *Capt. Joshua Huddy,* the Revolutionary patriot of New Jersey.* She was born August 8, 1785. They lived for a while in Philadelphia. Isaiah was brought up a Friend, but marrying outside the society, he joined the Second Baptist church in Philadelphia. For a time he was a schoolmaster in the Quaker City, but after 1808 he became a Baptist minister, and removed to New Mills (now Pemberton), N. J. He was one of the founders of the Triennial Baptist Convenon, now the American Baptist Missionary Union. He died at Pemberton, June 7, 1816. His widow, Anna Green Stratton, married Joel Van Meter, a merchant of Philadelphia, and died his widow in 1858.

Children:—*Born in Philadelphia.*

−252 Elizabeth Green,[5] b. July 4, 1806; d. Aug. 8, 1811; interred in Second Baptist church burying ground.
−253 Deborah T.,[5] b. Apr. 29, 1808; d. in childhood.
−254 Anna,[5] b. Sept. 4, 1810; m. **John Alderman** of Upper Pittsgrove, N. J.; moved to Woodstown; one of their sons was Stratton Alderman.
+255 Isaiah Green,[5] b. 1813; d. 1887. See *Vol. II.*
−256 Jane,[5] b. Sept. 3, 1815; d. in childhood.

The records of this family are from the old family Bible of Isaiah Stratton,[4] now belonging to his grandson, Rev. Joel Van Meter Stratton. The title-page of his book shows that it was "printed for Thomas Dobson, in 1799, at the Stone House, No. 41, South Street, Philadelphia." A family tradition con-

* For an account of Captain Huddy see Bancroft's *History of the United States,* Vol. X, p. 562, Storer's *Report to the Twenty-second Congress* and Heath's *Memoirs,* p. 336

nects Anna (Green) Stratton with Nathaniel Green of Warwick, R. I.,—a great-great-grandson of Roger Williams.

109. Josiah Stratton[4] (*Josiah,*[3] *Enoch,*[2] *Mark*[1]) was born about 1786. He married **Sarah (?) Adams,** daughter of *James Adams,* and lived in Manchester, N. J.

Children:—*Born in Manchester.*

−257 James,[5] b. 1819; d. unmarried.
+258 John,[5] b. 1822. See *Vol. II.*
+259 Charles,[5] b. 1822. See *Vol. II.*
−260 Sarah,[5] b. 1825; m. **Jacob Applegate.**
−261 Josiah,[5] b. 1828.
+262 George B.,[5] b. 1830. See *Vol. II.*
+263 Loveman,[5] b. 1833. See *Vol. II.*
−264 William,[5] b. 1835.

116. Bradford Stratton[4] (*Thomas,*[3] *Isaac,*[2] *Mark*[1]) was born January 7, 1789, in Chester Township, one mile from Moonstown. He married **Dorothy** ———, October 3, 1813. They lived in Moorestown and Philadelphia.

Child:

+265 Ebenezer,[5] b. 1816; d. 1878. See *Vol. II.*

Another family record gives the date of Bradford's birth as September 6, 1778.

There may have been other children, if so the compiler would be glad to learn of them.

STRATTONS OF SUSSEX COUNTY

(*See Chart O*)

The deeds of Sussex County, N. J., show that in 1779 two Strattons owned land in that county:

I Daniel Stratton, b. about 1758.

II Thomas Stratton, b. 1760.

They both left New Jersey before 1820; Daniel died in Ohio; Thomas in Pennsylvania. Their descendants believe that they were brothers, and nothing has been found to contradict this belief. No authentic record has been found to show their parentage, or

the place of their birth.* Tradition says that they were grandsons, or great-grandsons of Mark Stratton.[1] (*See Chart M.*)

The following is all that the writer has thus far found concerning them.

I. DANIEL STRATTON was born in New Jersey of Quaker parentage.† In 1779 he purchased land in Vernon Township, Sussex County. The records there show nothing more concerning him until 1809, when he deeded a part of this same land to Daniel Stratton, Jr. He died in Hancock County, Ohio, about 1824. That he was descended from Mark Stratton[1] and "his beautiful wife Ann Hancock" is well understood by his descendants. Daniel's grandson, Mark Stratton of Wabash, Ind., claimed that he was named for his ancestor "the original Mark Stratton." The record of Daniel's marriage has not been found, but we know that he had at least five children, who settled in Ohio.

Children:—*Born in Sussex County, N. J.*‡

+3 John, see note below.
+4 Daniel, b. 1781; d. 1836.
−5 David, settled in Ohio.
−6 Margaret, m. **John Burson;** lived in Ohio.
+7 Joseph, b. 1788; d. 1836.
−8 Sarah, m. **Isaac Newman;** lived in Ohio.

The Sussex County records show that there was a JOHN STRATTON, who married **Christina Osborn,** in Vernon Township, officiating minister, Thomas Teasdale. Whether he belonged to this family, or was a son of Thomas Stratton (II) has not been determined. It is thought that he settled in Beaver County, Pa.

The compiler has the will of a David Stratton who died in Richland County, Ohio, in 1843, whose parentage has not yet been proven. This will mentions his wife (not named), and names five sons, John K., Daniel G., Washington and James

* Some search has been made in Sussex County. A more thorough study of all records there *might* give some clew to the former residence of these two men.

† His name appears in a list of New Jersey Coast Guards from Sussex County in the Revolution.

‡ There may have been other children, not given here, who remained in New Jersey or settled in Ohio.

Laget (all under age), and four daughters, Mary Elizabeth, Rachel, Ann and Nancy. One of the daughters seems to have married a man by the name of Dancer, as the will mentions grandchildren David and Elizabeth Dancer. Witnesses to this will are John Dancer, John G. Dancer and John Class; the executor, John Bryte. Whether this David was the son of Daniel, or not, the records of Richland County do not show, and the compiler has found no further trace of this family.

II. Thomas Stratton, if brought up a Quaker, must have swerved from the principles of his parents and become a "War Quaker," for he served two years in the Revolutionary War. The first record we have of him is April 1, 1777, when he enlisted in the Continental Army, in an Orange (N. J.) County regiment under Capt. John Santford, in Col. William Malcolm's regiment. He was soon transferred with his company to Col. Oliver Spencer's Additional Regiment, 4th New Jersey Volunteers. Orange County, N. J., joins Sussex County, N. J. Thomas took part in the campaign against the Six Nations in Western Pennsylvania and New York, and in the battles of Newtown, Connecticut Farms and Springfield (all in N. J.), and was discharged July 15, 1779. Papers on file at Trenton show that in 1820 he was granted a pension, and in his application for the same he states that he was then living in Beaver County, Pa., and that he was born in 1860. He married **Elizabeth Chandler** in New Jersey. Their home in Beaver County was in Chippewa Township, where some of their children lived and died, while others settled in Ohio. Thomas died in 1846. His wife survived him only three months. Both are buried in the old Chippewa Cemetery.

Children:—*Born in Sussex County, N. J.**

– 9 John(?). See note under children of Daniel Stratton(I).
–10 Isabella, m. ——— **Downard;** lived in Muskingum Co., Ohio.
–11 Hannah, d. in Beaver Co., Pa.
–12 Joseph, settled in Ohio(?).
–13 Rachel, d. in Pa.

* There may have been other children than those given here.

May there not be found somewhere among the descendants of these children an old family Bible giving more complete data of this family?

−14 Samuel, d. in Beaver Co.; buried in Chippewa Cemetery.
+15 Daniel, b. 1794; d. 1879.

4. DANIEL STRATTON (*Daniel*) was born in Vernon Township, Sussex County, N. J., June 31, 1781. In 1806 he married **Sarah Rogers.** She was probably a daughter of *John Rogers*, "lately from New York," who purchased land in Vernon Township in 1802.

In 1819–20 Daniel moved with his family—wife and seven children—to Wayne County, Ohio, "stopping for a few weeks in Beaver County, Pa., to visit relatives," so writes a descendant. His farm in Wayne County was near that of his brother Joseph who had settled there two years earlier. About 1836 he moved from Wayne to Hancock County, Ohio, and settled on a farm, where he died in 1856.

Children:—*Born in Sussex County, N. J.*

−16 Mary Ann, b. Oct. 8, 1807; m. **Philip Bridgeman** in 1825.
−17 Amy, b. Jan. 17, 1808; m. **Eleazer Perrigo** in 1830; d. in Hancock Co. in 1875.
+18 Daniel, b. 1810; d. 1904. See *Vol. II.*
+19 William, b. 1812; d. 1837. See *Vol. II.*
+20 Joseph, b. 1814; d. 1890. See *Vol. II.*
+21 John, b. 1816; d. 1862. See *Vol. II.*
+22 Henry, b. 1817; d. 1896. See *Vol. II.*

Born in Wayne County, Ohio.

−23 Susan, b. Jan. 25, 1820; m. **Jacob Cook,** 1840.
−24 James, b. Sept. 3, 1822; d. unmarried, in Hancock Co., 1841.

7. JOSEPH STRATTON (*Daniel*[1]) was born in Vernon Township, Sussex County, N. J., May 16, 1788. December 3, 1807, he married **Elizabeth Perrigo,** who was born March 31, 1792. She was of French extraction, and was probably a daughter of *Joseph Perrigo* * who first appears in Sussex County in 1802, when the county deeds show that he brought land there. In the spring of 1817 Joseph and Elizabeth, with their four children, left New Jersey for "the west" and, after remaining a few months in Beaver County, Pa., reached Wayne County, Ohio, in November. He settled on a quarter section of land, about ten miles north of Wooster,

* Joseph Perrigo settled in Wayne County, O., before 1820.

in Canaan Township. Although married at the age of fifteen, Elizabeth, according to family tradition, was a woman of unusual education and refinement. She taught all her children to "read, write and cipher" before they went to school. Joseph, too, had acquired a good education, and after coming to Ohio he taught school winters and worked at the carpenter's trade summers. Of him a granddaughter writes, " although the kindest of fathers in his home he so prided himself on his impartiality toward his own children in school as to be almost Spartan in his treatment of them, and many were the hard tasks and sound thrashings that he gave them." Although a Quaker in New Jersey, in Ohio he settled in a Methodist community and joined a church of that denomination, of which he was an active member.

The *Wayne County History* says: "Few men were ever more implicitly trusted and esteemed by his neighbors than 'Uncle Joseph Stratton' as he was familiarly called. At the first election in 1819 he was elected Justice of the Peace, and twice afterwards was elected to the same office, holding also other county and township offices. He was an active friend of schools and a zealous member of the M. E. church." He died December 20, 1836, leaving a family of twelve children. His wife lived many years longer. The last years of her life she was blind. A grandson, living in Westerville, Ohio, writes: "I have in my possession an old clock (I can hear it ticking as I write) which my grandparents brought with them from New Jersey, and I can remember seeing my grandmother wind up the weights, for she always took care of the clock herself, even after she was totally blind." She died August 9, 1861.

Children:—*Born in Sussex County, N. J.*

−25 Anna, b. Jan. 17, 1809; d. Aug. 12, 1852; m. **Joseph Miller.**

+26 William, b. 1810; d. 1857. See *Vol. II.*

+27 Mark, b. 1812; d. 1889.* See *Vol. II.*

+28 Thomas, b. 1815; d. 1864. See *Vol. II.*

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* A daughter of Mark Stratton (27) writes the compiler that she has in her possession a beautiful carved black walnut chest, brought from New Jersey by her grandfather, on the "till" of which was penciled the words: "Made by Daniel Stratton in 1760." If this date is correct, by which Daniel Stratton was the chest made?

Born in Beaver County, Pa.

+29 Daniel, b. 1817; d. 1890. See *Vol. II.*

Born in Wayne County, Ohio.

−30 Sarah, b. Apr. 3, 1821; m. **Alfred Parmenter.**

+31 Cyrus, b. 1823; d. 1896. See *Vol. II.*

−32 Margaret, b. Dec. 11, 1825; m. **John Myers.**

−33 Elizabeth, b. May 2, 1828; m. **William Rumbaugh.**

−34 Catharine, b. May 11, 1830; m. **Jonas Heckert.**

−35 Mary, b. Aug. 29, 1832; d. May 2, 1879; m. **Isaac Sanders.**

−36 Jane, b. Dec. 3, 1835; d. Dec. 18, 1841.

15. DANIEL STRATTON (*Thomas*) was born in New Jersey, June 14, 1794, and came with his father's family to Beaver County, Pa., before 1812. He served in the War of 1812 in Capt. David Knowles' company, under Col. Robert Miller. October 16, 1813, he married **Rachel Logan.**

In the spring of 1821 he removed, with his wife and three small children, from Chippewa Township, Beaver County, to Huron County, Ohio, settling on a farm near Norwalk. Here he lived to see all his children married and settled in homes of their own, dying August 12, 1879, at the age of 85 years.

Children:—*Born in Beaver County, Pa.*

−37 Elizabeth A., b. Mar. 26, 1815; m. **Galen A. Mills,** May 3, 1834; d. in 1892 in Berea, Ohio.

−38 Margaret, b. May 11, 1817; m. **William Fuller,** Sept. 24, 1836; d. in Toledo, in 1902.

−39 Cathrine R., b. May 25, 1819; m. **Austin Taft,** Dec. 26, 1850.

Born in Huron County, Ohio.

+40 Thomas, b. 1821. See *Vol. II.*

+41 Nathan, b. 1823. See *Vol. II.*

−42 Julia Ann, b. Jan. 11, 1826; d. 1826.

−43 Rachel Ann, b. June 18, 1827; d. 1832.

+44 David, b. 1829; d. 1892. See *Vol. II.*

+45 John Logan, b. 1831. See *Vol. II.*

+46 Daniel, b. 1833. See *Vol. II.*

−47 Helen Ann, b. Mar. 27, 1836; m. **Frederick R. Waldon,** Feb. 12, 1857.

NEW JERSEY-VIRGINIA STRATTONS—PARENTAGE NOT TRACED

III. Seth Stratton was born October 15, 1762. In 1771 he is mentioned in the will of his grandfather, David Stratton of Evesham, N. J. (See his will.)

He married **Mary Greenway** in Winchester, Frederick County, Va. She was born January 8, 1762. This marriage is recorded in the town clerk's office at Winchester. His name is on the Revolutionary pension list at Richmond.* About 1805 he moved with his family from Virginia across the Alleghany Mountains, to Shelby County, Ky., where he bought land and cleared a farm on Buck Creek, near Fisherville. He was prominent among the very early settlers of Shelby County, and a highly respected citizen. His children were all members of the Buck County Baptist church.

He died December 29, 1845. His wife died seventeen years earlier, September 26, 1828.

Children:—*Born in Virginia.*

+48 William,[5] b. 1788; d. 1835. See *Vol. II.*
−49 Hannah,[5] m, **William Ellis.**
+50 Joseph,[5] b. 1792; d. 1864. See *Vol. II.*
−51 Mary,[5] m. **Moses Shelley.**
+52 Seth,[5] b. 1797; d. 1860. See *Vol. II.*
−53 Sarah,[5] died unmarried in Kentucky.
−54 Elizabeth,[5] d. unmarried, in Kentucky.

According to William F. Boogher's *Gleanings in Virginia History,* Seth Stratton was in Capt. Daniel Morgan's rifle company, which marched from Winchester, Va., to Cambridge, Mass., and joined the army under General Washington. They were twenty-four days on the march. In the same company were George and William Greenway.

IV. William Stratton was one of the very early settlers of Trimble County, Ky. At just what date he came into "the

* Among his grandchildren and great-grandchildren are many stories of his Revolutionary War service, and they have in their possession articles of clothing that he wore as a Revolutionary soldier.

They claim that he had no own brothers, but had a half-brother by the name of Devoe.

wilderness of the west," as it was then called, the compiler has not been able to learn, but in 1795 he was living in Spottsylvania County, Va., and the deeds of that county show that on September 1st of that year he sold to James and Sally Clark a farm of sixty acres, which he had purchased from James Petigrew, receiving for the same £55. The witnesses to this deed were Andrew Monroe and Henry Garnett.* It seems quite probable that he was then preparing to leave Virginia. Kentucky was admitted as a State in 1792, and the fertile lands of the "dark and bloody ground" which had seen so many fierce Indian conflicts immediately attracted a large immigration from Virginia. Mr. Stratton was a man of good education, a school teacher for many years, and greatly loved and respected by all who knew him.

Children:—*Born in Trimble County, Ky.*

+55 John A.,[5] b. 1803; d. 1833. See *Vol. II.*

+56 Elisha,[5] d. in Louisville, Ky. See *Vol. II.*

+57 James,[5] d. 1863. See *Vol. II.*

−58 William B.,[5] d. 1827, unmarried.

−59 Susan,[5] m. **Matthew Kenedy;** lived in Madison, Ind.; d. 1840.

V. Absolom Stratton came from Virginia and settled in Kentucky in the early part of the nineteenth century. In 1781 he was a Revolutionary soldier, and the war records at Richmond show that he was granted a pension. Among his descendants the belief is current that he was born in New Jersey; that he came from Virginia to Kentucky in company with five brothers, four of whom stopped in northern Kentucky, while one went on to Tennessee. Absolom settled in Simpson County. He married a **Miss Ennis,** in Virginia, some time before 1805. After her death he married **Celia (Graham) Logan,** in Kentucky, in 1822. He was a farmer, and worked also at the carpenter's trade. He belonged to the Baptist church. If he was brought up a Quaker he must have lost his birthright in the society when he became a soldier. He died in Simpson County, about 1831. Three years after his death his widow married Zachariah Morris, a Baptist minister, and was again left a widow in 1848. Later she went

* In this deed his name is written "Strutton," and he sometimes so wrote it in Kentucky, while some of his grandchildren spell their name Strattan.

to Texas and died at the home of her son, in the spring of 1867, aged about 72 years.

Children:—*Born in Virginia.*

By first marriage.

−60 Mary, m. **Gilbert Allen** of Simpson Co.; he died in 1832, and she m. **John C. Busby.**

+61 George Von, b. 1808. See *Vol. II.*

Born in Kentucky.

−62 John, b. abt. 1810.

−63 Sidney, moved to Arkansas.

−64 Ludlow, lived in the west.

−65 Luvica, m. ——— **Garrett;** d. in Arkansas.

−66 Washington, d. in Arkansas.

−67 Winnie, m. **Abraham Daniel.**

−68 Cynthia, m. **Lewis Clark;** d. in Texas.

By second marriage.

+69 James Davis, b. 1825. See *Vol. II.*

+70 Joshua P., b. 1827. See *Vol. II.*

+71 Thomas Jefferson, b. 1829. See *Vol. II.*

After the father's death, in 1831, the family became scattered. Information concerning the sons of the first marriage, or their descendants, is very much desired.

VI. Caleb Stratton was born January 20, 1793. January 21, 1819, he married **Jane Falkner,** in Virginia. This marriage is recorded on the Hopewell meeting records, where Caleb is said to be "son of Thomas and Sarah." * Jane was a daughter of *Jesse Falkner, Jr.*, whose sister, Martha, married David, son of John and Susannah (Stratton) Painter.†

Soon after their marriage Caleb and Jane moved from Virginia to Ohio, and settled in Green County, where they were connected with the Friends' Society.

Children:—*Born near Xenia, Ohio.*

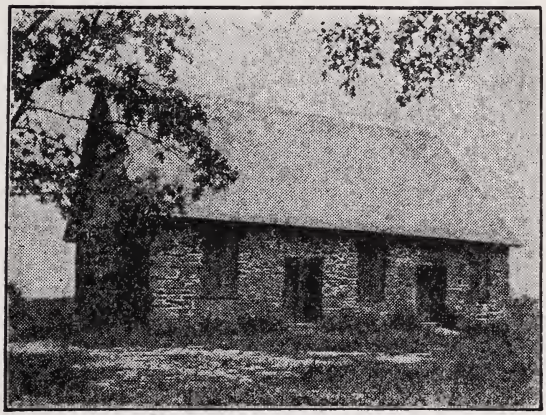
−72 Ruth, d. unmarried, in Monrovia, Ind.

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* No other mention has been found of this Thomas and Sarah. Nothing has been found of any full brothers or sisters of Caleb, but he is said to have had half-brothers and sisters by the name of Curl.

† Another family record says Jane was daughter of David, brother of Jesse Falkner, Jr.

−73 Eliza, m. **Thomas Thompson;** d. in Emporia, Kan., May 28, 1889.
+74 Jesse Falkner, d. in Kansas, 1899. See *Vol. II.*
−75 Sarah, d. in Xenia, Sept. 12, 1827.
−76 Thomas, b. July 19, 1830; d. July 5, 1838.
−77 Hiram, b. Oct. 1, 1837; d. July 26, 1838.



South River Meeting-House, Built about 1760
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STRATTONS IN MILITARY SERVICE

"They never fail who die in a great cause.
Though years elapse and others share as dark a doom,
They but augment the deep and sweeping thoughts
Which overspread all others, and conduct
The world at last to Freedom."

BYRON'S *Marino Faliero.*

COLONIAL WARS

KING PHILIP'S WAR

John Stratton, 1675, Major Appleton's Co., Narraganset campaign (Bodge).

William Stratton, 1675, Lieutenant Gillam's command (Bodge).

KING WILLIAM'S WAR

John Stratton, Watertown, 1689–90, expedition against Canada; received grant of land for service.

QUEEN ANNE'S WAR

William Stratton, Winsor, 1707–8, expedition against Canada.

Enoch Stratton, Concord, 1722, alarm list, called to Georgetown (now Batte), Maine.

Hezekiah Stratton, Northfield, 1722–3, "2d per mile paid for use of Stratton's horse."

John Stratton, 1722, "master & pilot, Sloop George, in his majistie's service," Boston Harbor.

Jonathan Stratton, sentinel, in Capt. John Wheelwright's company of Middlesex men, Aug. 22 to Nov. 27, 1722.

King George's War

John Stratton, 1739–44, at Castle William, Boston Harbor.
Ebenezer Stratton, sergeant, 1749, stationed at Fall Town and Northfield.
Eleazer Stratton, Northfield, 1748–9, sergeant at Forts Dummer, Morrison and Pelham.
Hezekiah Stratton, Northfield, 1748–9. "Volunteered from Northfield."
John Stratton, sentinal, 1748, Capt. Eleazer Melvin. Reported killed.
" " sergeant, Northfield, 1749, Capt. John Catlin.
William Stratton, 1747, Hampshire Co. "Found his own provisions," Lieut. Josiah King.

French and Indian War

Connecticut.
Cornelius Stratton, Fairfield, 1757. "Rode his own horse."
David Stratton, 1756, Weathersfield Company, at Fort William Henry.
" " 1757, Fairfield Co., Colonel Lyman's Regt.
" " 1759, 6th Co., Colonel Wooster's Regt.
" " 1761, 4th Co., Captain Whiting's Stratford Company.
Enoch Stratton, Glastonbury, 1755–6, 3d Co., 2d Regt.
Isaac Stratton, 1757–8, Capt. Eliphalet Whittlesey's Co., 1st Regt.
John Stratton, 1759, 1st Regt., 5th Co.
" " 1760, 1st Regt., 12th Co.
Serajah Stratton, Simsbury, 1758, clerk of Capt. Nathaniel Holcourt's Co.
Serajah Stratton, Jr., 1757–8, marched to relief of Fort Edward.
Massachusetts.
Asa Stratton, Northfield, 1755, Crown Point Expedition. Reported killed.
Charles Stratton, Concord, 1760, expedition against Canada. Reported killed, 18 yrs old.
Benjamin Stratton, Concord, 1757, Maj. John Minot.

Daniel Stratton, 1764–5, in garrison at Fort Halifax (present Winslow, Me.).

Ebenezer Stratton, 1758, Capt. Henry Spring's Co., Col. William Williams.

Elias Stratton, Sherborn, 1757, on Alarm List.

Francis Stratton, Corporal, Western, 1756–8, Crown Point.

Hezekiah Stratton, Concord, 1758; marched 128 miles to relief of Fort Williams, Ensign Jonathan Brooks.

Isaac Stratton, 1857, Capt. Sam. Robinson's Co., Col. Timothy Ruggles.

Jabez Stratton, 1757, Lincoln Co., Maine, Capt. Ebenezer Cutler.
" " Sherborn, 1757, Train Band and Alarm List.
" " Princeton, 1760, Capt. Nathan Brigham.

John Stratton, ensign, Northfield; 1755, Crown Point. Reported killed.
" " ensign, 1st Regt. Middlesex Co., Watertown Co., 1771.

Jonas Stratton, Concord, corporal in 1755; 1st lieutenant in 1760–62.

Jonathan Stratton (no town given), 1754, Colonel Winslow's Regt., for defense of eastern frontiers.
" " Weston, 1757, Capt. Elisha Jones.
" " 1758–9, returned from Lake George with Colonel Nicholas.

Josiah Stratton, Concord, 1759–60, aged 17. "Had his own arms."

Nathan Stratton, Concord, 2d lieutenant, 1758; expedition against Canada, 1760. Reported dead.

Samuel Stratton, Rutland, 1758, marched to relief of Fort William Henry.
" " Chelmsford, 1761–2, Capt. Moses Parker.

New Jersey.

Isaac Stratton, 1761, in Capt. Enoch Hunt's Co., Col. Samuel Hunt's Regt.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR

Connecticut.

Aaron Stratton, lieutenant "Knolton's Rangers," (Mass.), 1776.

Cornelius Stratton, 1777, Capt. Nash's Company at the Fishkills.

E. Stratton, 1775–83, "Count de Grasse," 2 guns, 30 men, commanded by E. Stratton.

John Stratton, sergeant, 1777, Capt. George Burr's Co., 1775.
" " Captain Dimon's Company of Fairfield.

Joseph Stratton, Lexington Alarm List.
" " sergeant, 1775, Captain Dimon's Co.
" " Fairfield, 1775.
" " 4th Co., 5th Regt.

Lemuel Stratton, 6th Regt.

Samuel Stratton, 1776, State Troops, Captain Hale's Co.
" " 1776–7, on ship "Oliver Cromwell," Captain Roberts' men.
" " 1777, Georgia Battalion. "Enlisted for the whole war."
" " of Long Island. In list of noncommissioned officers in Connecticut.

Stephen Stratton, corporal, 1775, 1st Co., 7th Regt.

Thomas Stratton, 1775 and 1777, Stratford, 2d Co., 5th Regt., and Captain Booth's Co., 4th Regt.

Massachusetts.

Aaron Stratton, lieutenant, 1777; captain, 1779–80, Col. Michael Jackson.

Abijah Stratton, Natick, sergeant and 2d lieutenant, 1776; 1st lieutenant, 1780.

Asa Stratton, Athol, 1777.
" " Hampshire Co. Regt., 1777. To reinforce Gen. Stark.
" " Petersham, 1778.

Benjamin Stratton, Brookline, Apr. 19, 1775.
" " Waltham, Apr. 19, 1775.
" " Woburn, Apr. 19, 1775.
" " 1776, in Hampshire Co. Regt. at Nantasket.
" " 1780, Capt. Lemuel Clapp's Co. at Dorchester.

Daniel Stratton, Natick, 1775.
" " Weston, 1776.

David Stratton, Bolton, 1775.
" " Rutland, 1775, at Winter Hill.

Elias Stratton, seaman, aged 27; at Gloucester, 1775; on Brigantine "Freedom," 1777.

Elisha Stratton, Weston, 1775.
Ebenezer Stratton, Athol, 1775–60, service in Rhode Island.
" " Rutland, 1775.
" " Sherburn, in same company with Abijah Stratton of Natick.
Elijah Stratton, 1777, Hampshire Co. Regt.
" " 1780, Capt. Walter McFarland's Company.
Eliphalet Stratton, 1780, Hampshire Co. Regt.; aged 20 yrs., stature 5 ft. 9 in.
Francis Stratton, corporal, 1776, Western; sergeant, 1778.
George Stratton, 1776, Capt. Joseph Lovell.
Isaac Stratton, Greenwich, 1778, Berkshire Regt.
" " Rutland, 1781; blacksmith; enlisted for 3 yrs.; 38 yrs. old.
" " (town not given), major, 2d Regt. Berkshire Co., 1777.
" " (town not given), sergeant, Berkshire Co. Regt.
Jabez Stratton, Greenwich, 1780; 46 yrs. old.
James Stratton, Wrentham, 1775.
" " (town not given), Capt. Bradbury Sander's Co., 1776.
" " Suffolk Co. Regt., 1776–7.
John Stratton, sergeant, Concord, 1776.
" " private, Concord, 1780; aged 40 yrs.
" " private, Concord, 1781; 41 yrs. old; enlisted for three years.
" " Cambridge, 1776.
" " Conway, 1781, aged 25 yrs.
" " Sudbury, 1776, gunner.
" " Watertown, 1775, 1st lieutenant.
" " Watertown, 1777, fifer.
" " Williamstown, 1775–7.
Jonathan Stratton, Acton, 1775; reported sick in hospital.
" " Athol, 1781; 18 yrs. of age.
" " Westford, 1777–8.
" " Weston, 1775.
Jonathan Stratton, Jr., Weston, 1776, at Dorchester Heights.
Joel Stratton, 1777, with Capt. Timothy Page's Co. at Bennington.
Jonas Stratton, Stow, 1778.

Joshua Stratton, Watertown, 1775.
Joseph Stratton, Concord, 1776–7.
" " 1777, on Brig "Penet"; 1779, on ship "Live Oak."
Josiah Stratton, Holden, 1775.
Lemuel Stratton, 1782, Captain Baxter; service at Hull.
Nathan Stratton, Watertown, 1777; Rhode Island service, Col. Josiah Whitney.
Nathaniel Stratton, 1776 (town not given), Capt. Phineas Stearns.
" " Watertown, 1778, marched from Watertown to Dorchester Heights; Josiah Whitney's Regt.
Peleg Stratton, Athol, 1777. With Northern Army at Seduction of Burgoyne.
Samuel Stratton, Dedham, 1778, marched to Roxbury.
" " Greenwich, 1781; 16 yrs. old, 5 ft in height; enlisted for three years.
" " Natick, 1775, Captain Morse, Col. Samuel Bullard.
" " Princeton, 1780; aged 17 yrs.
" " 1781, Captain McFarland's Co.
Stephen Stratton, 1777, Athol. With the Northern Army at reduction of Burgoyne.
Thomas Stratton, 1777, at reduction of Burgoyne.
William Stratton, 1778, Athol, Col. John Parke.
" " 1778, Woburn, Capt. Timothy Winn's Co.
Zebulon Stratton, Athol, 1775–8, at Lexington, April 16, and at reduction of Burgoyne.
Maryland.
Mack Stratton, 6th Regt.
New Hampshire.
Daniel Stratton, 1775, New Ipswich Co. Minutemen.
John Stratton, 1775, lieutenant, Capt. James Parr's Co. at Great Island.
Jabez Stratton, at Charlestown, N. H., 1781. He belonged to a Massachutetts Regiment.
Nathaniel Stratton, 1777, marched from New Ipswich to reinforce the garrison at Ticonderoga.
Nehemiah, 1778–81, New Ipswich. One of Washington's bodyguards.

New Jersey.

Amiriah Stratton, 2d Regt., Continental Troops.

Annanias Stratton, 1777–81, 7th Co., 2d Battalion; was present at surrender of Cornwallis.

Daniel Stratton 1778, Coast Guards.

Fithian Stratton, 1775–77, 1st Battalion, State Troops.

Lott Stratton, 1775–7, in Col. David Potter's Battalion of Volunteer Militia from Cumberland Co.; born, 1756; living in Lycoming Company, Pa., when granted pension.

Thomas Stratton, 1779–80, Brigadier-General William Maxwell's New Jersey Brigade, Major-General John Sullivan's Division, Continental Army. Resident at Beaver Company, Pa., when granted a pension in 1820.

New York.

Daniel Stratton, Suffolk Co. Militia, 1st Regt.

Hussy Stratton, Suffolk Co. Militia, 1st Regt.

John Stratton, Suffolk Co. Militia, 1st Regt.

" " 2d lieutenant in the New Marlborough Co., Northern Regiment Minutemen.

Robert Stratton, Orange Co. Militia, 1st Regt.

Samuel Stratton, Suffolk Co. Militia, 1st Regt.

Stephen Stratton, Suffolk Co. Militia, 1st Regt.

Thomas Stratton, Orange Co. Company, 1777–8.

William Stratton, 2d Regt.

Pennsylvania.

Thomas Stratton, on pension list. (*Pennsylvania Archives.*)

William Stratton, on pension list. (*Pennsylvania Archives.*)

Rhode Island.

Anthony Stratton, Continental Troops.

Vermont.

John Stratton, 1780, Rutland, expedition against Ticonderoga.

Jonathan Stratton, 1781, Col. Ebenezer Wallbridge's Regt.

Virginia.

Absolom Stratton (no date given), Continental Troops. Received pension.

Henry Stratton, lieutenant in naval service.

Isaac Stratton, infantry, received pension of land and money.

John Stratton, light dragoons, Continental Troops.

Seth Stratton, infantry, Frederick Co. troops. Received pension.

These names have been gleaned from many sources. Most of them are from the official records in the offices of the Adjutant Generals of the various states; some are from abstracts of service obtained from the United States War Department; while others were taken from the following published works:

Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the War of the Revolution.
Connecticut Men in the Revolution.
Vermont Revolutionary Rolls.
New Hampshire War Rolls.
Pennsylvania Archives.
New York in the Revolution.

In a few instances two records in the list may refer to the same man at different dates,—as in the case of Thomas Stratton who enlisted in an Orange County, N. Y., company and was transferred to a New Jersey brigade, and whose name appears in the list of Revolutionary soldiers from each of these two states.

A more extended abstract of service rendered in individual cases will, in many instances, be found in the biography of that individual, either in this volume, or in Vol. II of this work. Others may be obtained by application to the Hon. Secretary of War, at Washington, D. C.

No claim is made for completeness in the above list. Any authentic addition to it would be gladly received,—or any data which might help to complete the records of service rendered in the Revolution, or in any Colonial war, by anyone bearing the name Stratton.

CHARTS

A. Bartholomew Stratton, Boston
B. Caleb Stratton, Boston
C. Richard Stratton, Easthampton
D. John Stratton, Easthampton
E. Thomas Stratton, Virginia
F. Edward Stratton, Virginia
G. Samuel Stratton, Watertown
H. John Stratton, Watertown
I. Joseph Stratton, Waltham
J. Jonathan Stratton, Weston
K. John Stratton, Woodbury
L. William Stratton, Winsor
M. Mark Stratton, New Jersey
N. Emanuel Stratton, New Jersey
O. Daniel and Thomas Stratton, New Jersey

CHART A

BARTHOLOMEW STRATTON[1], 1628-1687 b. in London, settled in Boston before 1658, m. Eliphal, da. of Gov. Sanford.
See Copps Hill grave stones

- 2 William, 1658—— m. Elizabeth *See Copps Hill grave stones*
  - 5 Elizabeth, 1687-1720. *d. unmarried*
  - 6 Eliphal, 1689; 1717. *m. 1st. Samuel Hopkins, 2nd Ebenezer Graves*
  - 7 William, 1693
  - 8 Bridget, 1696-1769. *d. unmarried*
  - 9 Ann, 1695-1778. *d. unmarried. Will dated 1776.*
    - *Eunice,* m. Edward Ladd Sanders*
    - *Samuel Atkins*
    - *William*
    - *Ann, 1711-1786.* m. John Stamp*
    - *Katherine*
    - *Eliphal*
  - 10 John, bapt. 1698
- 3 Ann —— *m. Tobias Atkins*
  - *Ann —— m. Samuel Marshall*
  - *Eliphal —— m. Samuel Tulley, after her death he m. Elizabeth Foster **
    - *Samuel*
    - *Eliphal —— m. Samuel Swift*
      - *Sarah*
      - *Eliphal **
    - *Sarah*
    - *Elizabeth*
    - *William*
- 4 Bridget —— *m. Robert Ladd*
  - *Edward*
  - *Bridget —— m. William Sanders*
    - *John*
    - *Bridget, 1715-1775*
    - *Hannah*
    - *Edward Ladd *——*
      - *Susanna*

* Only legatees in will of Ann Stratton (9).

CHART B

- **Caleb Stratton**[1], 1635; b. in London; settled in Boston abt. 1660; m. Mary Adams
  - 2 Elizabeth, 1665
  - 3 John, 1670. *Of whom nothing more has been found*
  - 4 Samuel, 1675 (*Boston Records*)
  - 5 William ——— *settled in Nantucket, m. Susanna Cartwright*
    - 6 Caleb, 1708 ——— *d. in Nantucket,* 1786
      - 13 Eunice, 1729
      - 14 Odor, 1731 ———
        - 24 **Judith**
      - 15 William, 1733 ———
        - 25 William
      - 16 Susannah, 1735
        - 26 Eunice, 1759
        - 27 Elizabeth, 1762
        - 28 Benjamin, 1764 *Philadelphia*
      - 17 Benjamin, 1737— *New York State*
        - 29 Peter, 1766 *
        - 30 Lydia, 1769
        - 31 Latham, 1775 *Troy, N. Y.*
      - 18 Christopher, 1738 *d. in Nantucket,* 1793
        - 32 Hepsabeth
        - 33 John ?
        - 34 Reuben ?
      - 19 Anthany, 1740
      - 20 John, 1742
      - 21 Caleb, 1745 ———
        - 35 Obed
      - 22 Sarah, 1747
      - 23 Philip, 1749
    - 7 Mary, 1710
    - 8 Elizabeth, 1712
    - 9 Deborah, 1714
    - 10 Mariam, 1717
    - 11 Hannah, 1717
    - 12 John, 1720 *

* Died without issue.

For 6th generation see Vol. II.

CHART C

RICHARD STRATTON [1]
Settled in Easthampton, Long Island, 1651

- 2 Richard
  - 7 Solomon
  - 8 David
  - 9 Abigail
  - 10 Hannah
  - 11 Deborah
  - 12 Richard
    - 23 James, 1719
    - 24 David, 1721
    - 25 Richard, 1724—
      - 52 James, 1751
      - 53 John, 1753
      - 54 Rachel
      - 55 George
      - 56 Sarah
      - 57 Lemuel
      - 58 Richard, 1763
      - 59 Robert
      - 60 Cynthia
      - 61 David
      - 62 Joseph, 1769
    - 26 John, 1726*
    - 27 Jonathan, 1729
      - 28 Levi, 1724*
      - 29 Abigail, 1726
      - 30 Jonathan, 1728—
        - 63 Ruth, 1754
        - 64 Jonathan, 1757
        - 65 Catherine, 1759
      - 31 Benjamin, 1731—
        - 66 Benjamin, 1753
        - 67 Sarah, 1753
        - 68 James, 1755
      - 32 Freelove, 1733
      - 33 Thomazine, 1735
      - 34 Elizabeth, 1737
      - 35 Preston, 1740*
      - 36 Preston, 1741*
      - 37 Levi, 1743——
        - 69 Sarah
        - 70 Daniel P., 1784
      - 38 John, 1747——
        - 71 Elizabeth, 1776
        - 72 John L., 1778
        - 73 Gilbert T., 1781*
        - 74 Nathan L., 1786
        - 75 Levi, 1791
- 3 Thomas
  - 13 Thomas, 1700
    - 39 William, d. 1796--
      - 76 William
    - 40 Jonathan
    - 41 Sarah
    - 42 Phoebe
    - 43 Fithian, 1735
    - 44 Ephraim, 1738
    - 45 Aaron
- 4 Isaac —
  - 14 Sarah
  - 15 Isaac, 1708
    - 46 Mary, 1732
    - 47 Jonathan, 1734
    - 48 Abraham, 1736*
    - 49 Mahitible, 1740
    - 50 Abraham, 1744*
    - 51 Benjamin, 1738—
      - 77 Diana
      - 78 Benjamin
      - 79 Mary
      - 80 Jonathan
- 5 Elizabeth
  - 16 Abigail, 1699
  - 17 Benjamin, 1702– *Fairfield, N. J.*
  - 18 Mary, 1704
- 6 Benjamin
  - 19 William, 1706— *Died in New Jersey*
  - 20 Jonathan, 1708— *Lived in E. H'n.*
  - 21 Isaac, 1711 *d. in New Jersey*
  - 22 David, 1715 *d. in New Jersey*

* Died without issue.

For 6th generation see Vol. II.

CHART D

John Stratton 1
Settled at Easthampton, Long Island, 1649

- 2 John, 1645
  - 11 A child, d. 1697
  - 12 Ester, 1696
  - 13 John, 1699
    - 21 John, 1721
      - 54 Ruth
      - 55 Sarah
      - 56 Mary
      - 57 Hannah
      - 58 Anna
- 3 A daughter, (*Mrs. Hand*)
- 4 Joseph, 1649
  - 14 Hannah
  - 15 Martha
- 5 Stephen
  - 16 John, d. 1766
    - 22 Hannah, 1717
    - 23 Phœbe, 1719
    - 24 Stephen, 1721
      - 59 Ruth, 1760
      - 60 Jonathan
    - 25 Amy, 1723
    - 26 John, 1725
      - 61 John, 1750
      - 62 Henry, 1752
      - 63 Frederick, 1753
      - 64 Selvanus, 1757
      - 65 A son, 1760
    - 27 Smith, 1727*
    - 28 Samuel, 1729
      - 66 Samuel
      - 67 Sarah
    - 29 Mathew, 1730
      - 68 John, 1764
      - 69 Elizabeth, 1769
      - 70 Samuel, 1771
      - 71 Martha
      - 72 Phoebe, 1776
    - 30 Joseph, 1733
    - 31 Elizabeth, 1734
    - 32 Henry, 1737*
  - 17 Joseph, d. 1751
    - 33 Rebecca
    - 34 Elizabeth
    - 35 Joseph, 1724
      - 73 Jonathan, 1748
    - 36 John, 1727 *Huntington*
      - 74 Joseph, 1751
      - 75 Stephen, 1754
      - 76 Samuel 1755
      - 77 Elizabeth, 1760
      - 78 Grace, 1763
      - 79 Dorothy, 1765
    - 37 Martha
    - 38 Stephen, 1732
    - 39 Anne, 1734
    - 40 Cornelius, 1737 *Fairfield, Conn.*
      - 80 Mary, 1765
      - 81 Clarissa, 1767
      - 82 Sarah, 1769
      - 83 Eunice, 1771
      - 84 Abigail, 1773
      - 85 Joseph, 1775*
      - 86 Hull, 1776†
      - 87 Eliphalet, 1779
      - 88 Debby, 1783
- 6 Cornelius
  - 41 Martha, 1751
  - 42 Cornelius, 1717
  - 43 Jeremiah, 1719
    - 89 Elizabeth, 1742
    - 90 Chloe, 1744
    - 91 Priscilla, 1746
    - 92 A son
  - 18 Eliphalet, 1697
    - 44 David, 1723
      - 93 David
    - 45 Rebecca, 1725
    - 46 Samuel, 1726*
    - 47 Mary, 1729
    - 48 Samuel, 1729
    - 49 Phœbe, 1732
    - 50 Abraham, 1736
      - 94 Eunice
      - 95 Abraham
      - 96 Eliphalet
  - 19 Samuel, 1699
    - 51 Ruth
    - 52 Elizabeth
    - 53 Eliphalet, 1745 *College Point*
      - 97 Elizabeth, 1773
      - 98 Samuel, 1773*
      - 99 Mary, 1775
      - 100 Hannah
      - 101 Jane
      - 102 Ruth
      - 103 Amelia
      - 104 Platt, 1787
      - 105 Lewis*
  - 20 Rebecca, 1703
- 7 Abigail
- 8 Rebecca
- 9 A daughter (*Mrs. Hedges*)
- 10 Ruth

*Died without issue

For 6th generation see Vol. II.

CHART E

1 THOMAS STRATTON, m. Alice ——— Settled on the eastern shore, Va., as early as 1632

- 2 Thomas *d.* 1659
  - 4 Benjamin 1657-1717
    - 6 Agnes, 1684
    - 7 Ann, 1686
    - 8 Benjamin, 1688
    - 9 Nathaniel, 1691*
    - 10 John, 1695 ———
      - 13 Benjamin, 1721-
      - 14 Thomas, 1722
      - 15 John, 1726
      - 16 Susanna
      - 17 Nathaniel
      - 18 William
      - 19 Agnes
    - 11 Thomas, 1697*
    - 12 Joseph, 1699*
  - 5 Ann
- 3 Mary

* Died without issue.

For 6th generation see Vol. II.

CHART F

1 EDWARD STRATTON
Settled in Henrico Co., Va., before 1676.
m. Martha Shippey.
d. 1688.

- 2 Edward — 1655-1698
  - 4 Martha
  - 5 Mary
  - 6 Prudence
  - 7 Edward —
  - 8 Elizabeth
  - 9 Sarah
    - 10 William, *living in 1749 in Chesterfield Co.*
    - 11 Thomas — *b. abt. 1710, m. Elizabeth Elam*
      - 12 Thomas, *d. before 1781* *
      - 13 Nancy
      - 14 Henry, d. 1799 — *Settled in Bedford Co., Va.*
        - 16 Judith
        - 17 Mary
        - 18 Martha
        - 19 William
        - 20 John H.
        - 21 Thomas
        - 22 Henry
        - 23 Archibald
        - 24 Elizabeth
        - 25 Ann
        - 26 Jeanny
        - 27 Sarah
        - 28 Milicent
      - 15 John — *Settled in Powhatan Co., Va.*
        - 29 John
        - 30 Catharine
        - 31 William
        - 32 James
        - 33 David
        - 34 Robert
        - 35 Peter
        - 36 Daniel
        - 37 Ann
- 3 Rebecca

* Died without issue.

For 7th generation see Vol. II.

CHART G

- 1 Samuel Stratton[1], 1592-1672, Settled in Watertown Mass., about 1647
  - 2 Samuel, *d.* 1707, *Concord, Mass.*
    - 5 Anna, 1652
    - 6 Mary, 1656
    - 7 Samuel, 1660, *Concord*
      - 24 Samuel, 1684
      - 25 Hezekiah, 1688
      - 26 John, 1690
      - 27 Elizabeth, 1692
      - 28 Joseph, 1695
      - 29 Mary, 1698
      - 30 Benjamin, 1701
      - 31 Anna, 1704
    - 8 John, 1662 *
    - 9 Richard, 1664, *Chelmsford*
      - 32 Ichabod, 1687
      - 33 Ruth, 1700
      - 34 Mary, 1702
      - 35 Margaret, 1705
    - 10 Judah, 1666
    - 11 Eleazer, 1668 *
    - 12 John, 1671 *
    - 13 Joseph, 1676 *
    - 14 Rebecca, 1678
  - 3 John, *d.* 1720, *Watertown, Mass.*
    - 15 Elizabeth, 1660
    - 16 John, 1661——— *Watertown*
      - 36 John, 1689
      - 37 Ebenezer, 1692
      - 38 Abigail, 1698
      - 39 Mary, 1698
      - 40 Jabez, 1701
    - 17 Elizabeth, 1664
    - 18 Joseph, 1667, *Marlboro*
      - 41 Joseph, 1696 *
      - 42 Sarah, 1700
      - 43 Elizabeth, 1710
      - 44 Jonathan, 1714, *d.* 1758.
    - 19 Samuel, 1669, *Watertown*
      - 45 Sarah, 1701
      - 46 Samuel, 1703
      - 47 Nathaniel, 1705
      - 48 Sarah, 1710
      - 49 Elizabeth, 1713
      - 50 Jonathan, 1716, *d.* 1754
    - 20 Rebecca, 1672
    - 21 Ebenezer, 1677
    - 22 Jonathan, 1679, *d.* 1707
  - 4 Richard, 1629-1658 *Watertown, Mass.*
    - 23 Samuel, 1658, *Concord*
      - 51 Samuel, 1689 *
      - 52 Ruth, 1692
      - 53 Susannah, 1696
      - 54 Mary, 1698
      - 55 Enoch, 1700
      - 56 Jabez, 1703
      - 57 Abigail, 1705

* Died without issue.

For 5th generation see opposite page.

CHART G Continued—5th Generation

24 Samuel — *Concord*
- 58 Thomas, 1710
- 59 Sarah, 1712
- 60 Hezekiah, 1714, *Sons settled in Maine and New Hampshire*
- 61 Jonathan, 1716
- 62 Jane, 1717
- 63 Mary, 1719
- 64 Samuel, 1720 *Rutland, Mass.*
- 65 Elizabeth, 1722
- 66 Ebenezer, 1725
- 67 Sarah, 1733

25 Hezekiah — *Northfield*
- 68 Ebenezer, 1718
- 69 Samuel, 1720
- 70 John, 1721
- 71 Eleazer, 1722
- 72 Hezekiah, 1724
- 73 Mary, 1726
- 74 Sarah, 1727
- 75 Hannah, 1729
- 76 Asa, 1731
- 77 Hannah, 1732

26 John — *Boston*
- 78 Elizabeth
- 79 Sebean
- 80 Samuel

28 Joseph — *Concord*
- 81 Joseph, 1717
- 82 Rachel, 1719
- 83 Nathan, 1723
- 84 Elizabeth, 1725
- 85 Dorothy, 1727
- 86 Lydia, 1729
- 87 Jonas, 1732
- 88 Lois, 1734
- 89 Abigail, 1737
- 90 John, 1740
- 91 Charles, 1742

32 Ichabod — *Hardwick*
- 92 John, 1710
- 93 Richard, 1712 *Williamstown*
- 94 Isaac, 1715
- 95 Francis, 1716
- 96 Naomi, 1718
- 97 Ichabod, 1722 *Brookfield, Mass.*
- 98 Elizabeth
- 99 David, 1728
- 100 Ruth, 1730

36 John — *Cambridge*
- 101 Joshua, 1722 *
- 102 Mercy, 1724
- 103 Eunice, 1727
- 104 Abigail, 1729
- 105 John, 1732

37 Ebenezer — *Cambridge*
- 106 Lydia, 1717
- 107 Abigail, 1718
- 108 Elizabeth, 1720
- 109 Thankful, 1721
- 110 Mary, 1722
- 111 Sarah, 1725
- 112 John, 1727
- 113 Ebenezer

40 Jabez — *Natick*
- 114 Abjah, 1726
- 115 Nathan, 1728
- 116 Elias, 1730 *Athol, Mass.*
- 117 Sarah, 1734
- 118 Ebenezer, 1742

44 Jonathan — *Marlboro*
- 119 Jonathan, 1742 *Hillsboro, N. H*
- 120 Betty, 1744
- 121 Sarah, 1746
- 122 Samuel, 1748
- 123 Lucy, 1750
- 124 Aaron, 1753

46 Samuel — *Watertown*
- 125 Oliver, 1727
- 126 David, 1731
- 127 Mary, 1733
- 128 Samuel, 1739
- 129 Sarah, 1742
- 130 Hannah, 1745
- 131 Nathaniel, 1748
- 132 Sarah, 1750

47 Nathaniel — *Watertown*
- 133 Abial, 1729

55 Enoch — *Glastonbury*
- 134 John, 1725
- 135 Mary, 1726
- 136 Samuel, 1728
- 137 Isaac
- 138 Rebecca, 1731

56 Jabez — *Lexington*
- 139 Benjamin, 1725
- 140 Sarah, 1732
- 141 Jabez, 1733
- 142 Sarah, 1737
- 143 Anna, 1740

* Died without issue.

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CHART H

JOHN STRATTON, 1642–1691
m. Mary Smith in Watertown, Mass., 1667

- 2 John, 1668——
  - 12 Mary, 1698
  - 13 John, 1701-1721
  - 14 Rebecca, 1701
  - 15 Jonathan, 1702
  - 16 Bethshuah, 1704
  - 17 James, 1700——
    Stonington, Conn.
    Athol, Mass.
    - 26 Mary, 1722
      - 42 Zebulon, 1753
      - 43 Maridah, 1755
      - 44 Thomas, 1758
      - 45 Asa, 1760 *
      - 46 James, 1765 *
    - 27 Mary, 1724
    - 28 James, 1729—
      Athol
      - 47 James, 1780
      - 48 Joshua, 1783 *
      - 49 Asa, 1785
      - 50 Ira, 1788 *
      - 51 Sarah, 1790
      - 52 Elizabeth, 1793
      - 53 Ester
      - 54 Mary
    - 29 Deborah, 1733
    - 30 William, 1735
      Athol
    - 31 Elizabeth
    - 32 Stephen, 1743
      Athol
      - 55 Hannah, 1767
      - 56 Nathaniel, 1770
      - 57 Levi, 1772
      - 58 Nancy, 1774
      - 59 Abner, 1776
      - 60 Stephen, 1778 *
      - 61 Ezra, 1781
      - 62 Stephen, 1783 *
      - 63 Harvey, 1784
      - 64 Martha, 1785
    - 33 Abigail
    - 34 Peleg, 1748——
      Athol
      - 65 Deborah, 1770
      - 66 William, 1773
      - 67 Abel, 1775
      - 68 Elizabeth, 1778
      - 69 Peleg, 1781
      - 70 Jesse, 1783 *
      - 71 David, 1786
      - 72 Jesse, 1789
      - 73 Andrew, 1791
      - 74 James, 1795 *
      - 75 Asa Evans, 1798
  - 18 Thomas, 1702
  - 19 Dorcus, 1705
  - 20 Mary, 1706
  - 21 David, 1708——
    Waltham, Mass.
    - 35 Hannah, 1729
      - 76 John, 1770
      - 77 Lydia, 1772
      - 78 Lucy, 1773
      - 79 Anna, 1778
      - 80 Savanna, 1780
      - 81 Isaac, 1782
      - 82 Elizabeth, 1784
      - 83 Achsah, 1786
      - 84 Mary, 1788
      - 85 Levina, 1790
    - 36 Lydia, 1732
    - 37 Eunice, 1736
    - 38 Lois, 1738
    - 39 David, 1742—
      Bolton, Mass.
    - 40 Mary, 1744
    - 41 Jonas, 1746—
      Stow, Mass.
      - 86 Lois, 1771
      - 87 Lewis, 1773
      - 88 Sewell, 1775
      - 89 Mary, 1780
      - 90 John, 1782
      - 91 Abigail, 1785
      - 92 Anna, 1788
      - 93 Jonas, 1791
      - 94 David, 1794
      - 95 Barnard, 1796
      - 96 Lydia, 1797
  - 22 Samuel, 1709
    Framingham?
  - 23 Ebenezer, 1713 *
  - 24 Ebenezer, 1715
  - 25 Mercy, 1717
- 3 Thomas, 1670 —
- 4 James, 1672 *
- 5 Mary
- 6 Sarah
- 7 Hannah
- 8 Judee, 1680
- 9 Jonathan, 1684
- 10 Mary, 1687
- 11 Samuel, 1791

* Died without issue.

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CHART I

JOSEPH STRATTON, 1690-1776. m. Sarah Hager in Watertown, Mass., 1717. Lived in Waltham

- 2 Elizabeth, 1718
- 3 Sarah, 1720
- 4 Lydia, 1722
- 5 Jemima, 1725
- 6 Kezia, 1725
- 7 Joseph, 1729-1750 *
- 8 Benjamin, 1732— *Waltham and Newton*
  - 9 Lydia, 1765
  - 10 Mariam
  - 11 Sarah
  - 12 Lois, 1772
  - 13 Joseph, 1775 *Roxbury, Mass.*
  - 14 John, 177—

CHART J

JONATHAN STRATTON, m. Dinah Bemis, 1738. Lived in Weston, Mass.

- 2 Lucy, 1739
- 3 Mary, 1740
- 4 Mary, 1742
- 5 Bulah, 1745
- 6 Jonathan, 1746— *Phillipston, Mass.*
  - 14 Shubaal C., 1768
  - 15 Sarah, 1770
  - 16 Braddyll, 1772
  - 17 Relief, 1774
  - 18 Lucy, 1778
  - 19 Jonathan, 1780
  - 20 Isaac, 1783
  - 21 Nathan, 1784
  - 22 Mary, 1786
  - 23 Susan, 1789
- 7 Daniel, 1748— *Weston, Mass.*
  - 24 Daniel, 1777 *Hudson, Mass.*
  - 25 Elizabeth, 1778
  - 26 Martha, 1780
  - 27 Nancy, 1780
  - 28 Josiah, 1782 *Woburn, Mass.*
  - 29 Dana, 1784 *Malden, Mass.*
  - 30 Samuel, 1787
  - 31 Myranda, 1790
  - 32 Sarah, 1794
  - 33 Dorcas, 1796
  - 34 Calvin, 1798 *Woburn*
- 8 Isaac, 1751— *Weston*
  - 35 Louisa, 1786
  - 36 Nahum *Richmond, Va.*
  - 37 Elizabeth
  - 38 Henry, 1792
  - 39 Mary
  - 40 Martha, 1797
  - 41 Priscilla
  - 42 Louis
- 9 Elisha, 1753— *Weston*
  - 43 Susan, 1780
  - 44 Thomas, 1782
  - 45 Charles, 1785 *Watertown*
  - 46 Harriet, 1790
  - 47 Elisha, 1795
  - 48 George, 1798 *Weston*
- 10 Sarah, 1755
- 11 Elizabeth, 1757
- 12 John, 1760— *Weston*
  - 49 Abigail, 1791
- 13 Braddyl, 1762*-1765

* Died without issue.

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CHART K

1. JOHN STRATTON, d. 1716. Settled in Woodbury, Conn., abt. 1682

- 2 Rachel, *d.* 1707
- 3 Thomas ——— *Settled in Stratford, Conn., abt.* 1717
  - 4 John, 1718
  - 5 Rachel, 1721
  - 6 Thomas, 1723— *Stratford*
    - 11 Sarah, 1746
    - 12 Eunice, 1748
    - 13 Elizabeth, 1752
    - 14 David, 1754
      - 28 Samuel E., 1779
      - 29 Seth Sherwood
      - 30 Eunice
      - 31 Elizabeth
    - 15 Thomas, 1756 — *Bridgeport, Conn.*
    - 16 Hannah, 1759
    - 17 John, 1771———
      - 32 John W.
      - 33 Elizabeth
      - 34 Josiah
    - 18 Anna, 1775
    - 19 Josiah, 1776, (or Joseph)
    - 20 Edward, 1778
      - 35 Selina
      - 36 Curtis
      - 37 Marcus
      - 38 Mary
    - 21 Daniel, 1781——— *Milford, Conn.*
      - 39 Daniel
      - 40 David
      - 41 Roxana
      - 42 Charlotte
      - 43 Eunice
  - 7 Mary, 1726
  - 8 Hannah, 1728
  - 9 Charity, 1733
  - 10 David, 1737— *Fairfield, Conn.*
    - 22 Sarah, 1769
    - 23 Mary, 1772
    - 24 David, 1775 *Bridgeport*
    - 25 Ebenezer S., 1777
      - 44 Ebenezer
      - 45 Allen, 1813
      - 46 Harvey *
      - 47 Miles*
      - 48 Sarah
      - 49 Aurilla
    - 26 Hannah, 1780
    - 27 Robert C., 1785— *Weston, Conn.*

* Died without issue.

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CHART L

- 1 William Stratton, d. 1709. Settled in Winsor, Conn., 1705
  - 2 Seraiah, ——— 1706-1758 *Simsbury, Conn.*
    - 4 Martin, 1730——
      - 12 Martin, 1768—— *Towanda, Pa.*
        - 24 Samuel, 1808
        - 25 Martha
      - 13 Cephas, 1769—— *Hamilton Co., O.*
        - 26 Seymore
        - 27 Curtis P., 1799
        - 28 Orange, 1800
        - 29 Dilla
        - 30 Sista
        - 31 Martin, 1806
        - 32 Milton, 1808
        - 33 Myron
        - 34 Harriet M., 1816
        - 35 Samantha, 1817
      - 14 Timothy, 1772—— *Ohio*
        - 36 Phineas, 1798
        - 37 Stephen C., 1800
        - 38 Timothy, 1802
        - 39 Calista A., 1805
        - 40 William, 1807
        - 41 Henry S., 1809
        - 42 Calvin, 1811
        - 43 Richard, 1813 *
        - 44 Isaac H., 1817
        - 45 Eliza Jane
      - 15 Silas, 1776
      - 16 Calvin, 1777—— *Ohio*
        - 46 Phineas
        - 47 Timothy
        - 48 William
        - 49 Henry
        - 50 Isaac
        - 51 Calvin, 1812
        - 52 A daughter
      - 17 Seraiah, 1779 *New York State*
      - 18 Fannie, 1782
      - 19 Phineas, 1786
    - 5 Eunice, 1733
    - 6 Seraiah, 1740
  - 3 William ——— 1708-1766. *Suffield, Conn.*
    - 7 Mary, 1630
    - 8 William, 1636
    - 9 Jemima, 1739
    - 10 John, 1744——
      - 20 John, 1767
      - 21 Ortha, 1769
      - 22 Ruth, 1770
      - 23 Harvey, 1773—— *Southwick, Mass.*
        - 53 Julius
        - 54 Zopher
        - 55 Mary
        - 56 Lucia
        - 57 Morgan
        - 58 Allen
    - 11 Abigail, 1746

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CHART M

1 MARK STRATTON, Settled in New Jersey before 1713; m. Ann Hancock

- 2 David, 1714 — *m. Mary Elkinton*
  - 11 Sarath
  - 12 Susannah, 1739
  - 13 Amy
  - 14 Joseph, 1743 —
    - 50 Sarah
    - 51 Joseph, 1769
    - 52 Mary
    - 53 Benjamin
    - 54 Hannah
    - 55 Jacob
    - 56 Joel
  - 15 Elias
  - 16 Mark
  - 17 Daniel, 1750 —
    - 57 Mahlon, 1775
    - 58 Amy
    - 59 David, 1782
    - 60 John, 1784
    - 61 Margaret
    - 62 Mary
    - 63 Daniel, 1797
    - 64 Elias, 1798
  - 18 Mary
- 3 Daniel, 1715 — *m. Mary Sharp*
  - 19 Joshua, 1739 —
    - 65 Lydia
    - 66 Phoebe
    - 67 Aaron, 1764
    - 68 Michael, 1766
    - 69 Anne
    - 70 Asa, 1769*
    - 71 Daniel, 1771*
    - 72 Mary
    - 73 Stacy, 1774
    - 74 Elizabeth
    - 75 John, 1778*
  - 20 Jonathen, 1741 —
    - 76 Job, 1765
    - 77 Owen, 1769
    - 78 Noah, 1770
    - 79 Eli, 1772
    - 80 Prudence
    - 81 Caleb, 1781
    - 82 William, 1783
    - 83 Naomi
  - 21 Hannah
- 4 Ruth
  - 22 Amos
    - 84 Hannah
  - 23 A daughter
    - 85 Rachel
  - 24 David —
    - 86 John, 1773
    - 87 Joseph, 1775
    - 88 Martha
    - 89 Heptha
    - 90 Ann
    - 91 Rebecca
    - 92 Sarah
    - 93 Bulah
- 5 John, 1718 — *m. Ann Prickett*
  - 25 Esther, 1745
  - 26 Ephraim, 1747 —
    - 94 Ruben, 1776
    - 95 John, 1779
    - 96 Alice
    - 97 Lydia
  - 27 Ann, 1749
  - 28 William, 1752
  - 29 Isabella
  - 30 Jane
  - 31 Enoch, 1762 —
    - 98 Dorothy, 1793
    - 99 Abi
    - 100 John, 1796
    - 101 Achsah
    - 102 Enoch, 1801
    - 103 William, 1804
  - 32 Susannah
  - 33 Bulah, 1768
- 6 Enoch, 1720 — *m. Amy Elkinton*
  - 34 Isaiah, 1748 —
    - 104 Gidian, 1776
    - 105 Elizabeth
    - 106 Hope
  - 35 Anna
  - 36 Josiah, 1752 —
    - 107 Isaiah, 1782
    - 108 Bethuel
    - 109 Josiah
    - 110 William
    - 111 Elias
  - 37 Elizabeth
  - 38 Alice
  - 39 Ruth
  - 40 Hope
  - 41 Abigail
  - 42 Levi, 1765
- 7 Isaac — *m. 1st Ann; 2d Mary Prickett*
  - 43 Abraham
  - 44 Isaac
  - 45 Thomas, 1755 —
    - 112 Jacob, 1778
    - 113 Ebenezer, 1780
    - 114 Allen, 1782
    - 115 Elizabeth
    - 116 Bradford, 1789
    - 117 George, 1793
    - 118 Ebenezer, 1794
    - 119 Charles, 1797
  - 46 John
  - 47 Sanders
  - 48 Benjamin
  - 49 Elizabeth
- 8 Ann
- 9 Elizabeth
- 10 Jane

*Died without issue.

CHART M Continued—5th Generation

51 Joseph
- 120 David, 1793
- 121 Susannah
- 122 Nancy
- 123 Joseph P., 1800
- 124 Micajah, 1802
- 125 Esther
- 126 Benjamin, 1812
- 127 Rebecca
- 128 Edward

53 Benjamin
- 129 Rebecca
- 130 Naomi*
- 131 Levi, 1800
- 132 Ephraim, 1804
- 133 Benjamin, 1806
- 134 Jerusha
- 135 Martha
- 136 Mary
- 137 Joseph, 1815
- 138 Samuel, 1817
- 139 Luma

55 Jacob
- 140 Joel, 1801
- 141 Hannah
- 142 Anna
- 143 Mark, 1807
- 144 Sarah

57 Mahlon
- 145 Levi, 1799
- 146 David, 1801
- 147 Susannah
- 148 Macajah*
- 149 Mary
- 150 Mahlon, 1809
- 151 Sarah
- 152 Rachel
- 153 Elizabeth
- 154 Esther
- 155 Susan

60 John
- 156 Amy, 1809
- 157 Ruth
- 158 Sabina
- 159 David, 1816
- 160 Levi, 1819
- 161 Isaiah, 1822
- 162 John, 1824
- 163 Mary

64 Elias
- 164 Shady S.
- 165 Elmira G.
- 166 Mary M.
- 167 William I.
- 168 Rebecca A.
- 169 Daniel M.
- 170 Lucinda F.
- 171 Elias J. H.
- 172 Mary S.

67 Aaron
- 173 Evi
- 174 Aaron, 1799

68 Michael
- 175 Josiah, 1788
- 176 Charles, 1790
- 177 Joseph, 1792
- 178 Ann
- 179 Ross*
- 180 Joshua, 1796
- 181 Daniel, 1799
- 182 Elizabeth
- 183 Aaron, 1801
- 184 Mary
- 185 Abigail
- 186 Michael, 1808
- 187 George

73 Stacy
- 188 Elizabeth
- 189 Samuel, 1798
- 190 Lydia Ann
- 191 Rhoda
- 192 Daniel S.
- 193 Hannah
- 194 Ester
- 195 Stacy L., 1811
- 196 William, 1813
- 197 Ruth

76 Job
- 198 Sarah
- 199 Simri, 1807
- 200 Abigail
- 201 Joseph
- 202 Lettie

77 Owen
- 203 Kesiah, 1793
- 204 Ann
- 205 Rebecca
- 206 Charles
- 207 Sarah
- 208 Hope
- 209 Martha A.

79 Eli
- 210 Sarah C.
- 211 Jonathan D., 1804
- 212 William L.
- 213 Joseph E., 1811
- 214 Anthony*

86 John
- 215 John R., 1807
- 216 Theopilus*
- 217 Ann
- 218 Joseph S.

87 Joseph
- 219 Daniel, 1800
- 220 John, 1803
- 221 Sarah
- 222 Rebecca
- 223 Owen, 1809

94 Ruben
- 224 Elwood
- 225 Samuel
- 226 Reuben
- 227 Charles
- 228 Joseph
- 229 Richard
- 230 Elizabeth
- 231 Rebecca

100 John
- 232 Hannah A.
- 233 Enoch B.
- 234 Rachel A.
- 235 William
- 236 Rebecca J.
- 237 Theodore
- 238 James L.

102 Enoch
- 239 Isabella M.
- 240 Mary A.
- 241 George W.
- 242 Virginia T.
- 243 Emily L.
- 244 William I.
- 245 Edward R.

104 Gideon
- 246 Isaiah, 1803
- 247 Benjamin, 1805
- 248 Charles, 1807
- 249 Israel, 1809
- 250 Hannah
- 251 Mary L.

107 Isaiah
- 252 Elizabeth G.
- 253 Deborah T.
- 254 Anna
- 255 Isaiah
- 256 Jane

109 Josiah
- 257 James
- 258 John
- 259 Charles
- 260 Sarah
- 261 Josiah
- 262 George B.
- 263 Loveman
- 264 William

116 Bradford
- 265 Ebenezer, 1816

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CHART N

1 EMANUEL STRATTON
Settled in New Jersey before 1713; m. Susannah Hancock

- 2 Emanuel, 1714—
  - 6 Rebecca
  - 7 Samuel —
    - 13 Jacob, 1772—
      - 14 Elizabeth
      - 15 Samuel, 1796
      - 16 William A., 1801
      - 17 Thomas J., 1805
      - 18 Jacob *
      - 19 Emanuel R., 1807
      - 20 Lucretia B.
      - 21 Maria
      - 22 Nathan T., 1813
      - 23 Ann
  - 8 Mary
  - 9 Hannah
  - 10 Emanuel
  - 11 Mary
  - 12 Josiah
- 3 Jacob
- 4 Mary
- 5 Martha

* Died without issue.

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CHART O

- 1 Daniel Stratton, abt. 1758; moved from Sussex Co., N. J., to Ohio
  - 3 John
  - 4 Daniel, 1781 —— *Hancock Co., O.*
    - 16 Mary A., 1807
    - 17 Amy, 1808
    - 18 David, 1810
    - 19 William, 1812
    - 20 Joseph, 1814
    - 21 John, 1816
    - 22 Henry, 1717
    - 23 Susan
    - 24 James, 1822
  - 5 David
  - 6 Margaret
  - 7 Joseph, 1788 —— *Wayne Co., O.*
    - 25 Anna
    - 26 William, 1810
    - 27 Mark, 1812
    - 28 Thomas
    - 29 Daniel
    - 30 Sarah
    - 31 Cyrus
    - 32 Margaret
    - 33 Elizabeth
    - 34 Catherine
    - 35 Mary
    - 36 Jane
  - 8 Sarah
- 11 Thomas Stratton, 1760; moved from Sussex Co., N. J., to Beaver Co., Pa.
  - 9 John
  - 10 Isabella
  - 11 Hannah
  - 12 Joseph
  - 13 Rachel
  - 14 Samuel
  - 15 Daniel, 179[illegible] —— *Wood Co., O.*
    - 37 Elizabeth
    - 38 Margaret
    - 39 Catherine
    - 40 Thomas
    - 41 Nathan
    - 42 Julia
    - 43 Rachel A.
    - 44 David
    - 45 John L.
    - 46 Daniel
    - 47 Helen A.

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